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# COUNCIL, OFFICERS, STAFF AND ADVISERS as of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025

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Dr D. Thomas, PhD  
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## Council Appointments

### Officers:

#### Other appointments:

**Hon. Editor, Journal & Proceedings** – Dr Vernon  
**Editorial Assistant** – Dr Tammy Dempster  
**Associate Editor** – Dr Weaver  
**Hon. Editor, The Magazine** – Mr Gordon Rutter  
**Hon. Communications Officer** – Dr Ruffles

**Hon. Secretary** – Dr Kidd

**Hon. Treasurer** – Dr Broughton

**Hon. Archives Liaison Officer** – Dr Willin  
**Hon. Website Manager** – Dr Erickson  
**Website Content Manager** – Mr Nemo Mörck  
**Data Protection Officer** – Mr Farrell  
**Hon. Book Review Editor, JSPPR** – Mr Nemo Mörck

**Secretary:** Mr Peter Johnson

**Librarian:** Mrs Karen Patel

## Council Committees

Committee	Chairman	Members
<b>Education &amp; Publicity</b>	Prof. Carr	Dr Erickson, Mr McLuhan, Mr Nemo Mörck, Prof. Roe, Dr Ruffles, Mr Gordon Rutter.
<b>Research Grants</b>	Mr Ryan	Dr Broughton, Prof. Carr, Prof. Delaney, Prof. Caroline Watt
<b>Buckmaster Oversight</b>	Dr Broughton	Prof. Carr, Mr Fraser, Mr Murdie, Dr Kidd, Mr Ryan, Dr Weaver
<b>Library</b>	Dr Ruffles	Dr Kidd, Mr McLuhan, Mr Mörck, Dr John Newton, Mrs Patel, Prof. Poynton, Dr Willin
<b>Spontaneous Cases</b>	Dr Kidd	Dr Colvin, Prof. Cooper, Mr Paul Cropper, Mrs Beth Darlington-Bailey, Rachel Evenden, Mr Farrell, Mr Fraser, Dr Matthew Hopkins, Mr Knibb, Randy Liebeck, Aaron Lomas, Dr John Newton, Sheila Pryce Brooks, Dr Ruickbie, Damon Simms, Dr Schofield, Nick Terrell, Mrs Tuijl, Dr Weaver, Dr Winsper, Dr Ursula Wolski
<b>Survival Research</b>	Prof. Cooper	Mrs Barton, Dr Matthew Colborn, Dr Rousseau, Dr David Saunders
<b>Conference Programme</b>	Prof. Cooper	Prof. Carr, Mr Murdie, Prof. Parker, Prof. Roe, Dr Ruffles

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# ANNUAL REPORT

## Report of the President - Professor Caroline Watt

As can be seen from the fourteen reports below, a great deal of work has gone into making 1st October 2024 to 30th September 2025 an extremely productive period for the SPR. The wide-ranging activities of the various committees and enterprises are testimony to the dedication and drive shown by office holders, committee chairs and members, as well as by all who participate in the SPR's regular meetings of Council. I'm grateful to all of these individuals who in June 2025 voted to support my nomination as President and kindly welcomed me to Council. At the same time, Council expressed its gratitude to Prof Adrian Parker, now Vice-President, for his excellent leadership over the past four years.

I'd like to draw attention to just a few highlights from what has been a very busy period for the SPR. Perhaps the most significant event to occur this year, providing vital support for one of the founding interests of the SPR, was a further development regarding the substantial donation of £500,000 by Prof Yew-Kwang Ng (you may recall that Prof Ng's gift was first announced in the 2023-2024 Annual Report). Together with an intended further generous gift in his legacy, Prof Ng's wish is for this donation to support survival research in perpetuity. According to Prof Ng's wishes, Council voted to rename the SPR's Survival Research Fund the Yew-Kwang Ng (黄有光) Fund for Survival Research. Awards for research projects supported by the new fund are to be made via the Survival Research Committee which is now chaired by Prof. Cooper. I would like to thank Marian Barton for her remarkable 11 years of service as chair of the SRC, having stood down from this role, though fortunately not from SRC membership, in September 2025. Many thanks also to Peter Johnson and Richard Broughton, who have been taking care of the ongoing work associated with Prof Ng's generous legacy to the SPR.

Richard Broughton has also been an invaluable asset, supported by the VPs, in helping to resolve occasional unexpected challenges.

In another landmark development, under the energetic editorship of David Vernon, the Journal of the SPR has been adapted to modern standards to enable open access to Journal contents, for instance through online searches. This move to an open access

model aligns JSPR with developments across scientific research and publishing (as does Psi Open Data), and will dramatically increase the readership of JSPR articles and support one of the longest-running activities of the SPR. This publishing model includes giving each journal item (including book reviews) permanent identification codes (Digital Object Identifiers - DOIs) as well as providing author ORCID data (allowing readers to locate other papers by the same author). Furthermore, David and his team (including Associate Editor, Zofia Weaver and Editorial Assistant, Tammy Dempster) have moved JSPR to a new hosting platform managed by Open Journal Systems. As explained in more detail in his report, this platform enables the management of all aspects of journal production, from submission to publishing. The July 2025 edition was the first full and open access edition published on this platform. As David remarks, there is work still to be done, but meantime many congratulations to David and his team for all their hard work to ensure JSPR goes from strength to strength.

Of course there are many other outlets for the expertise, activities and interests of SPR Council members, many of which promote the work of the SPR and reach a diverse audience. These include the Magazine of the SPR, SPR online and in-person study days, lectures and workshops, blogs, book reviews, print media articles, and interviews and the provision of SPR Archive materials for podcasts, radio, TV, and for streaming platforms such as Apple TV which so vividly depicted Maurice Grosse in action.

Further details of the 2025 Annual Conference are given in Program Chair Cal Cooper's report. But while memories are fresh, my observation was that there was a healthy turnout and the congenial atmosphere was aided by provision of coffee and pastries. Cal and his committee helped to ensure the representation of a wide variety of different approaches to the study of paranormal beliefs and experiences. My highlight was the closing panel hosted by Richard Wiseman celebrating the life and work of SPR stalwart Tony Cornell, including moving personal reminiscences from Bernard Carr. As ever, Peter Johnson and his team in 'the office' did a superb job in organising and running the practicalities of the meeting.

I'd like to pay tribute to Graham Kidd who is relinquishing the chair of the Spontaneous Cases

Committee, which he has held since 2021. As detailed in his report below, SCC was presented with an increased workload of over 270 cases this year - a number that is challenging to manage, to say the least!

Finally, I must note the sad passing of colleagues and friends whose work has contributed to the SPR and parapsychology, including Alan Gauld, Dennis Bury, Peter Fenwick, Charles Tart and, most recently, Stephen Braude.

## RESEARCH

### Report of the Research Grants Committee Chairman: Adrian Ryan

The committee received ten grant applications in the period, and after careful deliberations the committee decided to fund four of these. We send our congratulations to the successful applicants and wish them every success with their research. The successful applicants are as follows:

**Álex Escolà-Gascón** - Quantum-like psi learning: Neuromodulating extraocular vision in blind individuals - £5,666.40

**Chris Roe, Matthew Hopkins and Deborah Patton** - Testing the theory of 'First Sight' using the Bem 'feeling the future' paradigm – funding request for phase 3 - £7,000.00

**Rodrigo Montenegro** - Neurophysiological and Phenomenological Effects of tPBM on Synchronized REM States: A Comparative Analysis of REM Lucidity - £7,000.00

**Malcolm Schofield** - I feel, therefore I am: Investigating what emotions underly the variables that correlate with paranormal belief and experience - £6,982.95

The total value of grants awarded this year is £26,649.35.

I would like to encourage SPR members to consider making donations and/or bequests specifically to the SPR's Research Fund, so that we can continue to support this important work far into the future.

### Report of the Buckmaster Oversight Committee (BOC) Chairman: Dr Richard S. Broughton

The role of the Buckmaster Oversight Committee is to oversee the projects approved by Council that are funded by a legacy from Mr Nigel Buckmaster. The Buckmaster fund was intended to be spent down in pursuit of its aims and now, after over 10 years of actively supporting projects, it is beginning to wind down operations.

The SPR's online Psi Encyclopedia, the flagship project of the Buckmaster fund continues to provide an unmatched online information source for Psychological Research and dominates search engine results for many psychological research topics. This was one of the original goals of founder and Editor Robert McLuhan and it has been more than met. This year has seen a host of new topics added along with editorial improvements and enhanced web links across the site. Considerable effort has been put into designing and moving the entire contents of the encyclopedia onto a new web platform that is expected to be ready late in 2025. Further details of its activities this year are in the report of the Education and Publicity Committee.

The two printed volumes of the *Is There Life After Death?* book project that are associated with this project remain delayed although editor Leo Ruickbie reports that

progress has been made this year and that publication is 'within sight'.

The Rousseaus reported that significant progress has been made on practical handbook for applying Systems Methodology, although the amount of research needed to be done for the project had been significantly underestimated. This extra work has now been completed but doing it caused a delay to the book completion milestone. Having resolved significant personal and family challenges the Rousseaux report that progress will accelerate. They are currently working on integrating and editing relevant materials into the planned book format. A detailed outline of the book structure and description of the contents of each section has been shared with the BOC.

After a review of hosting options as well as the trends in archiving research data, Adrian Ryan, director of the Psi Open Data Systems, migrated the entire collection to Zenodo, an open access data repository operated by CERN under the European OpenAIRE program. This not only eliminates hosting costs, but, more importantly, offers wider exposure through DOI (Digital Object Identifiers) and firm placement within the Open Science community. Already, across the 24 data sets currently available, the site is recording hundreds of downloads of

different data sets. Psi Open Data continues to be managed by Mr Ryan, and it is still accessed through the SPR web site.

Despite ongoing delays in two components of the several Buckmaster projects the solid success of the Psi Encyclopedia as well as the academic accomplishments of the other projects continue to deliver the benefits of Mr Buckmaster's legacy.

## **Report of the Spontaneous Cases Committee Chairman: Dr Graham Kidd**

New members coopted during the past year include Rachel Eveden, Ursula Wolski, Damon Simms, TyLean Tuijl, Sheila Pryce Brooks, and Ann Winsper who has returned to the fold. This intake has been vital in spreading the load to examine at least some of the 270 cases that Beth has circulated over the past year.

What we lack in terms of substantial poltergeist cases we make up for in investigating experiences that are reported through the website. Over the past year we have received some 274 cases circulated efficiently by our Case Coordinator Beth Darlington, significantly more than previous years which were about 200 each year. This year cases have included 12 apparitions, 10 Mediumistic claims, 8 JOTTs, 6 Poltergeists, 4 OBE /NDEs, 4 Orbs, 46 photo/videos, 2 ADCs, 5 Possessions, 6 EVPs, 6 PKs, 2 Synchronicity, 18 Hauntings, 3 Clairvoyance claims, 19 Premonitions, 6 UFO/ alien contacts, 4 Healings, 5 Time slips, 2 Reincarnations, and 2 Witchcraft reports. Not surprisingly, not every case has been explored in detail, but I am hopeful that the increased membership will eventually resolve that deficiency.

Meanwhile every member is encouraged to pursue their particular interest. These include the following:

Ashley Knibb is developing his Psi Dynamics Research unit and is in the process of writing an explanatory article. He continues to update SCC data protocols.

## **Report of the Survival Research Committee Chairman: Prof. Callum Cooper**

I would firstly like to offer my appreciation and thanks to Mrs Marian Barton, having led the Survival Research Committee (SRC) as Chair 11 years and having stepped down in this role in mid-2024. The role was immediately offered over to me by the SRC, and I am proud to take on this position. We are also grateful to Dr David Rousseau, who also had to stepdown due to family circumstances, but we await his return when such circumstances become more comfortable for him. I am thankful to the committee members: Mrs Marian Barton (who remains on the committee), Dr Matthew Colborn and Dr David Saunders.

Sadly, Dr Alan Gauld passed away in December 2024, so too, Mr Dennis Bury. However, Mr Bury was able to join an online SRC meeting regarding the

Sheila Pryce Brooks is pursuing the effects of sleep paralysis and psychic phenomena.

Ann Winsper is accumulating Timeslip cases.

TyLean Tuijl examines possession states, including the factors involved in its development and the experiencers of exorcists and healers.

Aaron Lomas, our training officer, continues to explore the effect of Covid and the lockdown on paranormal phenomena.

Tony Hayes' Basildon poltergeist case has it seems more less completely subsided following a substantial fire of doubtful cause in the house where it began, forcing the family to relocate. Some lesser phenomena did follow them for a while. A full write up is in the offing.

To the equipment available for field research at Vernon Mews, Tony Hayes has kindly added a CCTV system and three EMF meters. The recently acquired Wyrdoscope has recently been put to the test by Barrie Colvin and two of his PK subjects, but without positive results so far. Hopefully this will not deflect from its being tried out in other fields.

Our secretary Ciaran Farrell continues to do sterling work, well covered by Ashley Knibb during Mr Farrell's illness, for which the SCC is very grateful.

recruitment of new members in July 2024, which he gladly approved. These new members are Dr Rachael Ironside and Mr Matthew Arnold.

Despite the various changes to the SRC in the last year, Drs Colborn, Saunders, Rousseau, Mrs Barton and Mr Bury, all carefully considered various applications received for grants, and where possible, Dr Gauld was visited and informed of the incoming projects between 2023-2024. Applications included topics areas of: after-death communication experiences, terminal lucidity, past life memories, photography and the afterlife, mediumship, experiences in the funeral industry and archival work and associated travel.

The following are the awards we have made this

year:

**Professor Chris Roe and Professor Callum Cooper** - Investigation of the phenomenology and Impact of perceived direct and spontaneous After-Death Communications (continuation) - £7,518.92

**Dr Maryne Mutis** - Luciveille: Phenomenological study on the spectrum of terminal lucidity University of Lorraine - £3,000.00

**Elaine Rycroft** - Evaluating the premise that Past Life Memories indicate that 'personality' survives death - £3095.00

**Aaron Lomas** - The Phenomenology of Anomalous Experiences Reported during the Covid Pandemic - £2795.00

**Corrine Gretton-West** - Communicating Exceptional Human Experiences through Photographic Art' Continuation - £3150.00

**Prof. Callum Cooper** - for his research on Scott Rogo and correspondence with Raymond Bayless - £260.00

**Patrizio Tressoldi** (Italy) - Living in the Afterlife clues from direct experiences. (To obtain detailed information about it, and how they live there from participants who claim to be able to visit or contact people there.) - £3,000.00

**Professor Chris Roe, Ashlee Lewis-Earl,** Research Assistant, Northampton - The Truth in the Light: Conducting a systemic analysis of the Fenwick collection (continuation) - £2,964.00

**Kirsty Allan** - A New Bridge between the Physical and the Psychical Detecting synchronicity in the field of consciousness during physical mediumship - £3089.00

**Felicity S Kinnersley**, Northampton - Psychic or Spirit? A phenomenological investigation into the

## Report of the Library Committee

**Chairman: Dr Tom Ruffles**

The Library Committee approves acquisitions for the Vernon Mews library. Its members are Dr Kidd, Mr McLuhan, Nemo Mörk, John Newton, Karen Patel (Librarian), Prof. Poynton, Dr Ruffles (Chair) and Dr Willin.

During the current reporting year, 112 loans were made. Eleven books were purchased, at a cost of £168.92, while a further 60 books were donated. We are grateful to donors for their generosity. The Librarian operates a sale of second-hand books, available both in the library and via the website.

## Hon. Archives Liaison Officer's Report Dr Melvyn Willin

The work of cataloguing and conservation has continued as have regular visits to Cambridge University Library (CUL) where relations with the staff there are very positive. My cataloguing of the hitherto

process whereby developing Spiritualist mediums learn to attribute received information to ostensible psychic or discarnate sources - £3,000.00

**Corrine Gretton-West**, Northampton - Communicating Exceptional Human Experiences through Photographic Art (continuation) - £2,695.00

**Natalia Mae Lavin**, Northampton - After-Death Communication Experiences in the Funeral Industry - £3,000.00

It should be noted that the Gwen Tate Lectures have now run their course, as funds from the Gwen Tate legacy have since been used for various projects over time. However, we are pleased to report we have received a substantial donation to the SRC from Professor Yew-Kwang Ng 黄有光 (Monash University, Australia). Part of the agreement for this is that grants awarded by the SRC in future are to be given in his name:  
Yew-Kwang Ng (黄有光) Fund for Survival Research

Professor Ng has indicated that the fund should be administered as it is now, by the Survival Research Committee, and that the funds should be managed to provide support in perpetuity. Much like the Gwen Tate Lectures, we may begin to hold Yew-Kwang Ng 黄有光 Lectures, occasionally, for successful applicants to report back to the SPR on their research.

We continue to support the Hon. Archives Liaison Officer, Dr Melvyn Willin. We also respond to survival themed questions from the Hon. Communications Officer, Dr Tom Ruffles through the website and various media outlets which he also manages.

The Library continues to be open on Wednesday afternoons, attracting both regular and occasional users from the membership, as well as interested non-members. Requests to visit at other times are arranged with the Secretary.

For members unable to attend in person, a postal loan service is available; details can be obtained from the Librarian. The library catalogue is on the website. Also on the website is extensive book information, including reviews, compiled and edited by Content Manager Nemo Mörk.

un-published 'Hauntings and Poltergeist Files' was particularly welcomed by CUL and has acquired further interest from researchers and other academics. I made use of the archive there myself when preparing for the

external examination of a PhD student from Northampton University. In October I was invited to Trinity College, Cambridge to pick up a donation of journals and magazines previously belonging to C.D. Broad.

I have maintained regular correspondence and meetings with several SPR members and the general public, and visits to the SPR audio-visual archive, held at my premises in Norfolk, have been made by PhD students from England as well as a researcher from the USA who was particularly impressed with the collection.

During the past year I have given various podcasts and broadcasts about the SPR archives and recently wrote an article in the SPR's *Magazine*. I was a consultant to Ben Machell's book *Chasing the Dark*, which explores the excellent investigative work carried out by Tony Cornell and I have also been involved in a project from Ireland which is investigating the Goligher

## **Education and Publicity Committee Chairman: Professor Bernard Carr**

The Education and Publicity Committee (EPC) coordinates the SPR's educational activities and develops strategies for publicising these. The promotion of our events is now primarily via the internet and our website, so our members include Deborah Erickson (Honorary Website Manager) and Nemo Mörck (Website Content Manager). Other members are Chris Roe, Robert McLuhan, Tom Ruffles (Honorary Communications Officer) and Gordon Rutter (editor of *The Magazine*). Some of these members report their activities more fully in their individual reports.

This year our educational programme has again mainly comprised of zoom events, although we're beginning to hold physical meetings again. David Vernon continues to organize and host regular Wednesday webinars. In the reported period, these were given by Ciaran Farrell, Paul Smith, Steve Taylor, Claire Murphy-Morgan, Eric Dullin, Graham Kidd, Chris Roe, Jeff Tarrant, Kirsty Allan and Michael Nahm. Although we miss meeting physically, webinars have the advantage of attracting speakers and participants from all over the world and it also reduces the expenses involved.

Our educational role includes overseeing evening discussion forums and study days. The forums are usually organized by Dennis Bury and Ciaran Farrell but there were none this year because of Dennis's illness and sad passing. They will resume in 2026. In April 2025 a study day entitled "Mind the Gap: Journeying Non-Locally through Theories of Mind Beyond the Brain" was organised and chaired by Cal Cooper, with contributions from Mike Daw, Michael

Circle's previous mediumistic activities. I am still liaising with the Met Film Company that made the BAFTA nominated Enfield poltergeist series of documentaries. The company is seeking sponsorship for a series of documentaries devoted to other past investigations by the SPR.

Currently (October 2025) I am cataloguing the 'Mediums and Psychics' files which are held at CUL; I continue to work with Robert McLuhan on the *Psi Encyclopedia*; and frequently liaise with the secretary Peter Johnson and the SPR librarian Karen Patel when they receive queries that I can help with. Contact is also maintained with several other SPR Council members as and when required.

I have to report here that despite Dr Gauld writing to me about the hope, the administrator/s of his estate have not followed through in line with his wish that his books and archive should be deposited with the SPR after his death, (as of October 2025).

Nahm, Cameron Alldredge, Rupert Sheldrake and Bernard Carr. In May 2025 Rodrigo Montenegro led a 4-day OBE experiential workshop, as a follow-up to the October 2024 study day. The Committee also plays a part in the annual conference, with Carr, Roe and Ruffles serving on the Programme Committee. This year's conference was held at Oxford in October 2025 and will therefore be covered in next year's annual report.

The past year has seen a continuation of Steve Parsons' highly successful online and in-person training for ASSAP investigators, using the SPR's publications as essential reading and support material. To date more than 130 people have participated in the course and their feedback has been used to hone both the content and the way that the information is delivered. Council has approved offering SPR members a similar online training package, using the same support material. The first online course should take place in the spring of 2026. This will help to boost both awareness and membership of the SPR within the general ghost hunting community, as well as promoting sales of our two relevant publications. In due course, the Ghost Club will also be offering training to its members, and having all big three major organisations offering a common training programme based upon our publications is the best antidote to the sensationalist approach to ghost-hunting in the past decade. The publication of *Paravision, Sight & the Paranormal* (the follow-up to *Paracoustics*), co-edited by Steve and Cal Cooper, originally scheduled by White Crow books for 2025, has been delayed until 2026.

New articles continue to be published in the *Psi Encyclopedia*, which is funded by the Buckmaster bequest and now contains 650 (?) articles and almost two million (?) words. It is now over ten years old and has been given a refresh, made necessary by the original software platform becoming obsolete. The aim has been to update the look and make articles easier to access. Some category headings have been revised. A new page provides links to articles and research papers that are free to read online and there will also be links to pdfs of selected articles from the archives of the *Proceedings* and *Journals*. Work continues on updating existing articles and creating new ones. The founding editor, Robert McLuhan, is moving on and the name of his successor will be announced shortly. Another Buckmaster project, two volumes of essays on aspects of survival, has unfortunately been delayed through factors beyond our control, but progress continues to be made.

Tom Ruffles regularly responds to enquiries via the website and social media. Frequent references to the SPR, both in print and online, can be followed on our

### **Report of the Hon. Website Manager Dr Deborah Erickson**

The SPR website performed smoothly this reporting period, with no technical issues or problems. Nemo Mörck, SPR Content Editor, successfully updated the Book Reviews section with 30 book reviews written by a variety of authors, as well as himself. I collaborated with Dr Ruffles and Mr Mörck for the Who's Who pages for Council members and updates for

### **The Journal of the Society for Psychological Research Editor: Dr David Vernon**

During the period 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> September 2025, we have produced and published four issues of the Journal: those for October 2024, January 2025, April 2025, and July 2025. The aim, as always, is to have these issues distributed to subscribers in their designated month of publication but this is in part dependent on the amount of sufficiently high-quality material ready for publication and on ensuring its production to the highest quality. Additionally, in order to keep distribution costs down, mailings are sometimes delayed so as to include other materials being prepared for members. Taken together, these four Journal issues included 7 refereed articles, 18 book reviews, 5 obituaries, 5 letters to the Editor and three Society notices. The Journal continues to have international reach, which is reflected in contributions from the USA, India, Australia, as well as the United Kingdom.

The published material continues to reflect the breadth of interest within psychical research, ranging from experimental research (both quantitative and

Facebook page and Bluesky and X feeds, all of which are overseen by Tom. At the end of the reporting year the Facebook page had 19,434 followers and the general X feed had 12,103 followers. These sites publicise SPR events and carry news about the field in general. Tom also runs a Twitter feed dedicated to our *Psi Encyclopedia*, which had 3,109 followers. The Bluesky account (started in November 2024) had 892 followers. Posts on all four are circulated by readers and thereby reach a very large audience. Significant information relating to the SPR appears on our website as news items posted by Nemo Mörck, who also adds information about new books and their reviews. SPR members frequently make media appearances, and these are mostly reported on our website. We continue to build bridges with other organisations since this allows news of our activities to reach a wider audience. Ben Machell's biography of the late Tony Cornell, *Chasing the Dark*, has attracted favourable reviews in *The Observer*, *The Times* and *The Guardian*. It was also the main review in the January 2026 *Fortean Times*, which gave it five stars. This has generated a lot of positive publicity for the SPR.

Officers. Tom and Nemo are happy to publicise events of interest outside of SPR on social media sites, but they do need tips to hear about them, so SPR officers and members are encouraged to let them know about events and links. Collaboration between organisations is also encouraged.

qualitative), field investigations, case studies, theoretical contributions, reviews and historical perspectives. I trust that this diversity assures members that the Editorial Board will consider any empirical approach or topic of relevance to psychical research so long as it is original, provides a significant contribution to the field and is underpinned by a highly rigorous methodology.

This has been a busy and at times challenging year as we moved the Journal to a new hosting platform managed by Open Journal Systems/Public Knowledge Project (<https://jspr.spr.ac.uk/index.php/jspr/index>). This now means that all aspects of the Journal, from submission to publishing, can be easily monitored and controlled via this platform. Hence, all submissions to the Journal now need to be made online via the new portal (<https://jspr.spr.ac.uk/index.php/jspr/about/submissions>). To facilitate this, clear and detailed author guidance has been produced and displayed on the new platform

along with information relating to the peer review policy, the use of pre-registration and ethical practice. Our first full edition published on this platform was the July 2025 edition (<https://jspr.spr.ac.uk/index.php/jspr/issue/view/5>). The use of this platform has dramatically improved access to Journal material due to the use of Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs) and author ORCID data. In addition, the Journal has shifted to an 'Open Access' model making all material (from July 2025) openly available. These changes will no doubt strengthen the position of the Journal and help to ensure it has a bright and enduring future. Now that the new platform is up and running the next task is to try again to secure indexing of the Journal.

Editing and producing the JSPR is both a time

consuming and demanding task, and not one carried out alone. Hence, I would like to offer my very special thanks to both the Associate Editor, Dr Zofia Weaver, and the Editorial Assistant, Dr Tammy Dempster, for their excellent work and very much appreciated support. Thanks also to Julie Gorman and Rich Cutler from Helius (<https://helius.co.uk/>), our typesetters, for their prompt and scrupulous attention to detail when helping to shape the articles. A big thank you to our Book Review Editor, Nemo Mörck, for his help and guidance with the book reviews and more. Last, but by no means least, my sincere thanks to all those who help to make the JSPR possible by submitting manuscripts and to those that help review them, providing a high level of useful and effective feedback to help ensure that the JSPR remains a useful and valuable publication within the field of psychic research.

## **The Magazine of the Society for Psychological Research** Editor: **Gordon Rutter**

During the reporting period only three issues of *The Magazine* were produced, issues 12, 13 and 14. Issue 15 nearly made it into the time period but just missed.

One major change over the year was the departure of David Ellis as proofreader. I would like to record my thanks to David for his work on *The Magazine* and the help he has given me over our time together. The work of a proofreader is often overlooked, particularly when they perform their job well. As editor it is so often the case that I am too close to articles to catch every typographical error or misplaced space. Consequently, I rely on the work of the proofreader as a final check before an issue is sent off to Peter Johnson. Again, thank you David for helping to make *The Magazine* better for everyone. I am also grateful to our new proofreader, Stu Neville. Stu stepped in at very short notice and has agreed to continue the job going forward. So thank you also to Stu for his work on the material covered during this reporting period.

We have also seen the departure of Professor Adrian Parker from his position of President of the SPR. Adrian had a regular section – the President's Pages – in *The Magazine*. In these he shared his thoughts on many areas of interest to members of the SPR. I'm sure that many readers, like me, found new areas and writers to follow. Thank you, Adrian, for your regular input.

The issues of *The Magazine* are all full colour and twenty-eight pages, and all are produced as a print ready PDF and a compressed PDF, this latter for electronic distribution. Due to the time taken to print the physical copies the online version appears first and is available from the SPR website members' section.

During this year *The Magazine* has continued its usual wide range of articles. Each individual issue has had a thought-provoking piece from Adrian Parker. Graham Kidd provided us with an intriguing case from the Spontaneous Cases Committee and there are more from that group to come. Sally Collins gave an overview of a ghost case involving family friends at Romney Marsh. A new way to measure paranormal experiences (how do you determine “the most haunted...”?) and John Tate gave us Paranomics 3, the conclusion to his look at economics in the Paranormal. Also, in multi part format we had two articles from Peter McCue on whether there should be a new terminology for Hauntings and Poltergeists. John Fraser gave us a taste of his latest book with *Can Most of What We Call the Paranormal Fit in One Big Theoretical Box?* Melvyn Willin provided us with an overview of some of the resources belonging to the SPR, and also a reminder to think about what happens to our own collections when we die. An opportunity to expand our book collections has been provided by a continued look at new acquisitions to the SPR library, courtesy of the SPR Librarian Karen Patel. We've also had a range of reviews, including a look at the University of Northampton on one of their frequent visits to the Edinburgh based Sir Arthur Conan Doyle Centre and an overview of the SPR 47<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference – based at Derby. As usual all articles were accompanied by colour illustrations, and the covers of individual issues represented an array of images of interest to SPR members.

Over the year I have received some positive comments from the membership about *The Magazine*, and I am very grateful for them all and I am glad that people are enjoying it. I am also grateful to all who

have contributed articles or letters, and I hope to continue to receive many more of both.

The continued use of Open-Source software to produce *The Magazine* saves the SPR quite a large fee in licensing.

## Annual Conference

Programme Chairman: **Prof. Callum Cooper**, Conference Organiser: **Peter Johnson**

The 48th SPR International Annual Conference took place 17th - 19th October 2025 at Milton Hill House, Oxford. We moved back to hybrid attendance at this event, which meant we had approximately 115 people registered for in person and online attendance in total. Some 30 abstracts were submitted for review by the conference committee: Prof. Carr, Mr Murdie, Prof. Parker, Prof. Roe and Dr Ruffles. I extend my thanks to the committee for taking the time to review these submissions and providing timely feedback for what was a short turnaround in arrangements.

And in total, 21 papers were accepted and presented, with an invited lecture by Dr Paul Rogers on 'The Dodleston Messages' and an invited panel hosted by Prof. Richard Wiseman on the life and work of Tony Cornell, and our guest dinner speaker was Gary Lachman, speaking about his writings and most recent work on dream precognition. As usual, the 21 abstracts accepted greatly varied in topic: history and theology, research methods and surveys, after-death

communication experiences, mediumship, laboratory studies, and psychic healing.

Thank you to all who attended and provided audience questions from both those in person and online, it was such an interactive event for all to share, with excellent facilities at the Milton Hill House for those in physical attendance – we were truly looked after by the staff and building.

I wouldn't be able to put these conferences together and create a schedule that works so smoothly to time without Mr Johnson. My thanks to him for helping source locations, discussing logistics, sort emails back and forth on abstracts and working with me on editing and finalising a schedule of talks, tea breaks and dinners. Mr Johnson's work also goes as far as sorting price packages for the weekend, conference bags, liaising with the venue and more. It all pays off in what wonderful feedback we've received from all for such an enjoyable and insightful weekend.

## Secretary's Report Peter Johnson

In the table below, you will be able to see that our membership numbers have increased very slightly

	Members & Associates			Student Associates			TOTALS		
	2025	2024	Change	2025	2024	Change	2025	2024	Change
UK	462	437	6%	51	51	0%	513	488	5%
USA	143	133	6%	23	23	0%	166	156	6%
Other	108	135	-20%	17	17	0%	125	152	-12%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>1%</b>

Note that, in addition to the Members and Associates, we also send copies of our publications to over 100 subscribers. An increasing number of members are opting to take advantage of the £15 discount for digital-only publications.

Audio recordings of all our events are available free of charge for members only, and for purchase by non-members. Thanks to David Vernon for finding so many interesting speakers for our online Web Events during the year. Thanks to Melvyn Willin for maintaining our archive catalogue of recordings. Please note that, in

addition to borrowing physical recordings, members may also listen to recent talks directly from our website.

The Office and Library have continued to operate mainly from home, with Karen Patel (Librarian) attending the SPR Library on Wednesday afternoons when visitors do not need an appointment.

We held our 2025 Annual General Meeting in person at Vernon Mews in April.

The following six members of Council retired and were re-elected at this meeting to serve for three further years:  
Mrs M E Barton, Mrs J A Rousseau, Mr A D Murdie

Dr B G Colvin, Dr L Ruickbie, Dr M J Willin

All other motions on the agenda were passed unanimously.

## **Data Protection Officer's Report Ciaran Farrell**

During the reporting year, the General Data Protection Implementation Team (GDPRIT) maintained strategic oversight of the Society's data protection framework to ensure compliance with relevant UK legislation and regulatory guidance. The Team continued to monitor the effectiveness of the systems and policies in place, confirming that they remain proportionate, functional, and aligned with best practice. Activity was conducted through regular physical and virtual meetings, supplemented by ongoing correspondence and liaison with the Council and other committees to ensure the consistent application of data protection principles across all areas of the Society's operations.

Throughout the year, GDPRIT undertook a detailed review of the Society's Privacy and Data Protection Policy and the internal Data Processing Agreement (DPA), which includes a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy recommended by the Charity Commission and the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). This reflects the Society's structure as a distributed organisation, with many officers and Council members working remotely and utilising their own equipment. The Team also examined the operation of the Society's website and membership mailing systems, verifying compliance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and the Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations (PECR), while maintaining effective communication channels with members and the public.

Monitoring regulatory changes continued to be a key focus. In particular, the Team assessed developments associated with the implementation of the Online Safety Act 2023, designed to protect users in digital environments, and the introduction of the Data Use and Access Act 2025, which builds upon the previous Data Protection and Digital Information Bill. Anticipating new guidance from the ICO, preparatory evaluation was undertaken to determine potential implications for SPR governance, policies, and operational practice.

The Data Protection Officer (DPO) maintained close collaboration with the Policy Advisory Panel (PAP) and the Scientific and Case Committee (SCC) to ensure a coordinated approach to data protection, policy development, and compliance oversight. Work progressed on a significant joint initiative with the SCC to develop a secure, GDPR-compliant database for anonymised case and investigation reports, which will provide a valuable long-term research and archival resource.

The DPO reported regularly to the SPR Council to ensure trustees and directors remained fully informed of the Society's obligations, compliance activities, and evolving regulatory responsibilities. The DPO extends sincere appreciation to GDPRIT colleagues—Mr Johnson, Dr Broughton, and Mr Ryan—for their professionalism, commitment, and ongoing contribution throughout the year.

## **The Financial Position**

Honorary Treasurer: **Dr Richard Broughton**

As many members may have heard via our website, the Society is enjoying an improved financial situation thanks to a very generous donation from Prof, Yew-Kwang Ng 黃有光 of Monash University in Australia. This year we have received one quarter of a two-million-pound pledge to the Society. Professor Ng's wishes are that the bulk of his donation be used to support research into Survival but he is also contributing a substantial portion to the Society's general fund to ensure that the Society itself remains in good financial health to support the work of the now renamed Yew-Kwang Ng (黃有光) Fund for Survival Research in perpetuity. The Survival Research Committee has embarked on a programme to notify the research community and encourage high quality applicants for its increased funding pool.

I am pleased to report that the generally healthy investment market this year has meant that we have been able to provide financial support to a good number of research projects as detailed elsewhere in this report, but we are in a position to do more, and our research committees are being encouraged to seek good quality projects worthy of support. Support from the Society is vitally important for both early career researchers and students as well as established scientists who are unable to obtain financial support for research from the usual sources.

The general economic environment remains challenging for the Society and its members as costs continue to rise on all fronts. We continue to run an operating deficit despite ongoing efforts to control costs, and that requires us to make draws on the General Fund. Our membership numbers remain steady and membership income is up slightly. We are enormously grateful for our members who can continue to support the Society through their membership in these difficult times.

Most of our programmes for academics and the public are being conducted on-line or in a hybrid format. Our Annual Conference offered both on-site and video participation and drew a good attendance. Our Study Days have migrated to a hybrid format as well, and our completely on-line discussion group evenings remain popular. The Society's Journal and the Magazine continue to be produced to a high standard, but skyrocketing mailing charges have led the Society to encourage on-line receipt of our publications.

The world is facing unusual (though certainly not unprecedented in our long history) financial instability and the Society must be prepared for adverse circumstances. At the investment level, Council is confident that the investment policies of our management company should mitigate sudden shocks and our grant-giving activities can be adjusted if necessary. At the day-to-day level, however, we continue to see the effect of the cost-of-living crisis on our membership which, for many people, especially for students and young people, is a matter of discretionary spending. More than ever it remains vitally important that the Society receives donations to the general fund that can provide the additional income required to offer our scientific and educational services at the lowest possible cost to our members. Those who are in a position to be generous now can help future generations of psychical researchers develop into productive scientists.

The large donation that we have received this year has triggered the requirement for a full audit of our accounts and operation. This is reported in the following section. In the audit process we have found that our previous method of reporting the value of our premises was not correct and that the building component should have been depreciated at the standard rate. This has been done, resulting in a restatement of the value of the building in last year's figures and a new and ongoing depreciation charge this year. The bottom line (literally) is that our total funds reported on the balance sheet will be notably lower this year reflecting the accumulated depreciation costs.

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**For full Members of the Society.**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of The Incorporated Society for Psychical Research to be held at 1 Vernon Mews, London, W14 0RL on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 5.15 p.m.

**AGENDA**

- 1) To approve and sign the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025.**
  - 2) a) To receive the Report of the Council made up to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025.  
b) To receive the Annual Statement of Accounts made up to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025.**
  - 3) To elect six members to the Council**  
Six members of the Council are due to retire from office and all six offer themselves for re-election. No further nominations having been received, there is no requirement to hold a vote on this matter:  

Dr R. S. Broughton	Dr T. H. Ruffles
Dr D. N. Rousseau	Dr G. T. B. Kidd
Prof. B. J. Carr	Prof. A. D. Parker
  - 4) To appoint Kreston Reeves LLP as Reporting Accountants and Auditors for the period prescribed by the Companies Act 2006.**
  - 5) To authorise the Council to determine the remuneration of the Reporting Accountants and Auditors.**
- No other business will be transacted at this meeting.**

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD ON Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 5.15 p.m.

Dr Richard Broughton (Hon Treasurer of the Society) opened the meeting at 5.15 p.m., welcoming 12 voting members to the Annual General Meeting of the Society.

**The President was not present; Dr Broughton was unanimously appointed as the Chairman.**

**1) To approve and sign the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024, which was adjourned and reconvened on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024.**

Dr Broughton proposed that the Minutes of the AGM held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024, adjourned for Item 2 only and reconvened on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024 should be approved. **This was agreed with two abstentions (because they were not present at those meeting).**

**2) To receive the Report of the Council and the Annual Statement of Accounts made up to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024.**

Dr Broughton spoke briefly about the activities of the Society during the year, as described in his contribution to the Annual Report. He confirmed that a new firm of accountants had been appointed (see Item 4) and **he proposed that the meeting should officially receive the Report of the Council and the Annual Statement of Accounts made up to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024. This was agreed unanimously.** Dr Broughton went on to comment that the investments of the Society had performed very well during the year. He also reported that, since the closing of the accounts for 2024, a very generous donation had been received from Prof. Yew Kwang Ng in Australia, for the main purpose of supporting research in the area of Survival (of bodily death). In addition, part of this donation would be used to bolster the General Fund. Prof. Yn had also pledged to make an even larger donation in due course, in his Will. Further details will be included in the Annual Report and Accounts next year.

**3) To elect six members to the Council**

Six members of the Council are due to retire from office and all six offer themselves for re-election. No further nominations having been received, **there is no requirement to hold a vote on this matter and they were subsequently re-elected.**

Mrs M E Barton

Dr B G Colvin

Mrs J A Rousseau

Dr L Ruickbie

Mr A D Murdie

Dr M J Willin

**4) To appoint Kreston Reeves LLP as Reporting Accountants for the period prescribed by the Companies Act 2006.**

Dr Broughton reported that, as already mentioned above, a new firm of accountants had been appointed. He **proposed that Kreston Reeves LLP should be formally appointed as Reporting Accountants for the period prescribed by the Companies Act 2006. This was agreed unanimously.**

**5) To authorise the Council to determine the remuneration of the Reporting Accountants.**

**Dr Broughton proposed that the Council should be authorised to determine the remuneration of the Reporting Accountants. This was agreed unanimously.**

No other business was transacted at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 17:28.

### For item 3

## NOTES ON CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2026

### IN THEIR OWN WORDS

#### RICHARD BROUGHTON

Richard is the author of numerous scientific papers and a critically acclaimed popular book on parapsychology and, in the past, he has been a frequent commentator on parapsychology in the media. He is a twice-past-President and former Board member of the Parapsychological Association. He has been on the SPR Council since 2004, serving as President from 2011 until 2015. Since then he has served the SPR as the Honorary Treasurer, working closely with the management team to shepherd the Society's finances so the SPR can continue to serve both scientific community and the public well into the future.

#### DAVID ROUSSEAU

David Rousseau joined the SPR in 1994, was co-opted to Council in 1997, and became an elected Member of Council in 2003. He has served as secretary to the Finance Committee (2004–2006) and to the Image and Publicity Committee (1995–1999) and was a member of the IPPC until 2007. He was Chairman of the Research Activities Committee (2007–2014, a member since 1997), Honorary Treasurer (2010–2015) and a member of the e-Communications Committee (2008–2015). He was a member of the Research Grants Committee (2006-2017) and serves on the Survival Research Committee (since 2003). He co-founded the online Library of Exploratory Science and is currently Director of the Centre for Systems Philosophy. He has conducted academic research into the mind–body relationship and into the nature of spiritual experiences, presented at SPR Conferences and Study Days, and published numerous scientific and philosophical papers. He is currently developing systems-science-based methodologies for exploratory science, with support from the SPR, the Centre for Systems Studies (University of Hull), the Bertalanffy Centre for the Study of Systems Science (University of Vienna), the International Council on Systems Engineering (INCOSE), and the School of Engineering in Oregon State university (OSU). He is a Fellow of INCOSE, a Fellow of the Royal Society for the Arts (RSA), and a Trustee of the Alistair Hardy Trust. He is a Trustee, past President and Chair of the Board of Trustees of the International Society for the Systems Sciences (ISSS), a Trustee and past Chair of the International Network for the Study of Spirituality (INSS), and a Research Associate in OSU.

#### BERNARD CARR

Bernard Carr joined the Society in 1972, was co-opted to Council in 1975, and became an elected Member of Council in 1977. He was the SPR Education Officer from 1985 to 2000 and Chairman of the Research Activities Committee from 1994 until 2008. He is currently Chairman of the Education and Publicity Committee and serves on the International Conference Programme Committee. He also co-organizes Study Days and serves on the Research Grants Committee and the Editorial Board. Formerly a Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, he is now Emeritus Professor in Mathematics and Astronomy at Queen Mary University of London. He was President of the Society from 2000 to 2004 and is now a Vice-President.

#### TOM RUFFLES

Tom joined the Society in 1987 and Council in 1990. He was a member of the Publicity sub-committee (later the Image and Publicity Committee) from 1988-1994 – during which time he co-designed the SPR logo – and was Hon. Appeals Secretary 1989-90. In 1991 He served on Professor Robert Morris's working party which led to the setting up of the now-defunct Research Activities Committee and was Hon. Testing Officer 1992-2007. In 2005 he joined the Image, Publicity and Publications Committee and when it split into the Education and Publicity and e-Communications Committees he joined both. He is still a member of the former and was of the latter until it disbanded in May 2017. While on the e-CC he was involved in developing the Society's website.

He has refereed papers for JSPR and was its book reviews editor from January 2009 to January 2018. Having joined the Library Committee in 2010, he became its chair in August 2016. Since 2011 he has

served on the Conference Programme Committee. Also, in 2011 he became the SPR's Communications Officer. In that capacity he responds to general emails received through the website, as well as looking after the SPR's Facebook page (from February 2010) and Twitter accounts – general (from July 2013) and Psi Encyclopedia (from October 2019). He added content to the website until the appointment of a dedicated content manager in March 2018. He has been instrumental in obtaining several collections of material for the SPR's archives and was involved, with Prof. David Fontana, in lobbying for the reissue of the 1999 Scole Report as a mass circulation paperback in 2011.

For some years he was a coordinator of the Anglia Paranormal Research Group and investigated a number of spontaneous cases. He has contributed to *JSPR* and *Paranormal Review* (and its predecessors) as well as *Fortean Times* and online publications; blogs at <http://tomruffles.blogspot.co.uk/>; and is the author of *Ghost Images: Cinema of the Afterlife*. He is an Associate of the Royal Photographic Society by research, was an Honorary Visiting Research Fellow at Anglia Ruskin University, 2014-2019, and is a member of the Association for the Scientific Study of Anomalous Phenomena and a Supporting Member of the Parapsychological Association. He holds two PhDs: one on *Life After Death in the Cinema*, from the University of East Anglia, the other on *George Albert Smith (1864–1959): From Stage to Screen*, from Anglia Ruskin University, about a significant figure in the early history of the SPR.

#### GRAHAM KIDD

Dr Kidd has been a member of the SPR since 1969, on the Spontaneous Cases Committee since 2009, and a member of the Council since 2014. He also joined the Library Committee in January 2019. Trained at St Bartholomew's Hospital, he was medical officer to 10th Gurkha Rifles, subsequently training in psychiatry at St Thomas's Hospital. He was a Consultant in Old Age and General Psychiatry in Surrey, and on retiring from the NHS, worked in private practice at the Priory and the Cardinal

Clinics, before retiring to do purely psychotherapy, specialising in psychological trauma using Ego state and EMDR techniques. He teaches occasionally at St George's Hospital. He has studied dissociation and was a member of the ISSTD for many years. He has contributed to SPR study days, to the *JSPR* and the *Paranormal Review/The Magazine* of the SPR. Dr Kidd joined the Spontaneous Cases Committee as its Chairman in 2021 and continued to serve in this capacity during the year of this report.

#### ADRIAN PARKER

After qualifying in clinical psychology at the Tavistock Clinic, Adrian Parker was the recipient of the Perrott-Warrick Studentship in psychical research, Trinity College, Cambridge becoming the first to gain a UK doctorate with a thesis on altered states and ESP from the University of Edinburgh. His doctoral work co-innovated (with Charles Honorton and William Braud) the technique known as the psi-ganzfeld of reproducing psychic-like experiences in the laboratory. He is author of the book *States of Mind* and recently together with the philosopher Annekatrin Puhle published the book *Shakespeare's Ghost Live* showing how forgotten knowledge found in Shakespeare works is relevant to the deeper understanding of transpersonal experiences. He has well over a hundred publications mainly on altered states of consciousness and psychic experiences. He has published on a diversity of topics in psychical research and parapsychology including hypnotic states, dream states, psychic experiences amongst twins, spontaneous experiences, mediumship, and psychokinesis.

Adrian has studied medicine degree courses and worked in the child clinical psychology service before accepting a position at Gothenburg University, when a major award from the Swedish Bank Jubilee Fond enabled the development of the "Real Time Digital Ganzfeld". This can be regarded as a benchmark procedure for studying high quality psi (psychic) events in the laboratory. His current interest concerns lucid dream states and recently he is the joint recipient together with Annekatrin Puhle of a BIAL grant to study Near-Death Experiences followed extended cardiac arrest. He received the 2014 teaching award from the Gothenburg Students.

Adrian Parker is emeritus professor at the University of Gothenburg and Board member of the Scandinavian International University, Vice President of the Swedish Society for Psychical Research, and was President of the Society for Psychical Research until retiring in June 2025. He is now a Vice President of the Society.