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## TABLE TILTING IN DERBYSHIRE

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Having spent many years involved in Spiritualism and Psychical Research and having witnessed nearly all types of mediumistic phenomena, one phenomenon that I had not seen take place successfully was table tilting. That was remedied in a dramatic way on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2008, when Dean Kenyon and circle members visited Safe Haven Spiritual Community at Dronfield.

The meeting opened in prayer. Dean described the nature of this particular phenomenon in relation to the other types of mediumship and explained what was to take place and what he expected the sitters to do to play their part in the proceedings.

Those attending ware sat around the perimeter of the room. Dean and his colleagues had brought three small wooden tables with them, which were placed in the central, open area of the room, with about three people standing around each table, their fingers lightly in contact with the table tops. Before long, each table in turn began to 'walk' across the room, going up to one of the sitters. By 'walk' I mean each front leg in turn would move forwards while the remaining legs lifted clear of the ground.

Having arrived at a sitter for whom there was to be a communication, a dialogue then took place between the spirit communicator and the sitter, with the sitter asking a series of closed questions and the table tilting towards him to reply "Yes" and away from him to reply "No". After observing several communications of this type taking place around the room, Dean's table then 'walked' up to me and I was able to interact with a communicator through the table. I deliberately asked some questions that led to a "No" answer, as a non-stop series of "Yes's" would not be very evidential. I was able to ascertain that the communicator was someone who had been a friend of mine when at school but who had been killed as a young adult. The answers all tallied with those I would have expected if the communicator was really who he said he was. Once I had run out of yes / no questions to ask, the table lifted towards me and continued to press against me for a good couple of minutes. Clearly the only way this

could have happened by normal means would have been for me to press down on my side of the table with my hands – but they were only lightly touching the table. Dean and the other two people around the table all had their hands **on top of** the table and could therefore not have been lifting it.

As if this was not impressive enough, Dean then picked up that a child spirit had approached the table. He had warned us that child spirits could be playful. I stood up and the table slid at high speed down the length of the room. Dean only had one hand in contact with the table at this time and I and the others had to run to keep up with the table, so as to keep our hands lightly in contact with it. The table then proceeded to slide up a ramp on one side of the room and got part way down the stairs at the end before becoming stuck. We lifted the table back to the main floor area and it proceeded to move to the centre of the room and then alternately spin round clockwise and anticlockwise at high speed. Again, those of us in contact with the table had to run to keep up with it. Little did I realise how exhausting a séance could be!

By the end of the evening, everyone present had had a communication via one or other of the tables. The proceedings were brought to a close in prayer.

Having been impressed with both the psychokinetic and evidential aspects of the demonstration, arrangements were subsequently made for a demonstration of this type to be given to Chesterfield Psychic Study Group. And so on the 17<sup>th</sup> April 2009, Dean and circle members came over to Chesterfield to demonstrate what today is a relatively unusual type of mediumship.

The meeting followed the same format as that at Dronfield. Once again, there was a mixture of yes / no messages being given to individuals and some impressive sliding of the tables across the floor. At one point, both tables in use had, via a ramp, arrived on the stage and seemed to want to 'hug' each other, producing quite a crush of people: the term 'sitters' hardly seems appropriate — 'standers' or 'runners' might be more accurate! At another point, one table's spirit control clearly wanted to go outside and so the doors were opened, the table walked outside and continued to tilt in the open air. Some of this demonstration was filmed

It is to be emphasized that both of these Derbyshire meetings were held in normal lighting conditions.

Dean and his circle members and their spirit helpers are to be congratulated on the time, dedication and perseverance they have put into developing these table phenomena, so that seriously interested people can witness the versatility of mediumship.