

Peter Naish's short biography

Peter has been retired for over a decade, but continues to take an interest in research. Thus, he immediately joined a newly-formed (2025) group in Oxford University, focussing on the ever mysterious issue of consciousness. It was at Oxford that he had gained his doctorate, and then embarked upon a varied career, based around research, both in academia and for the Ministry of Defence. Actually, before taking up Psychology, his very first degree was in the physical sciences, and he taught those for a few years. It was perhaps this experience that initiated his enthusiasm for science communication. He ran the Psychology Section of the British Science Association for several years, organising and speaking at their annual science festivals. However, among his broad range of interests Hypnosis has long been his favourite. He was one of the founding members of the British Society of Experimental and Clinical Hypnosis, and saw it through its metamorphosis into the British Society of Clinical and Academic Hypnosis. He is also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine, and is a past-president of their section for Hypnosis and Psychosomatic Medicine. Finally, having served two terms on the Board of Directors of the ESH, he was honoured to be awarded a Life Membership of the Society.