

## Medium to the Media

By Denise Oxley

**As a Civil Servant in Leeds, Julie Cryer found there was not much call for her skills as a spiritual counsellor. With her unusual and rare talent as a medium and psychic developing she felt it was time to move on.**

When you first meet Julie, a statuesque blonde woman, you cannot help but be mesmerised by her intensely blue eyes. And when she looks at you, you just feel that she knows everything about you... and usually she does. Julie's "coming out" as she describes it happened one day in the canteen while she was having lunch with colleagues. Julie said "I've got something to tell you." Her friends listened before casually remarking "oh well, we always knew there was something strange about you."

Julie felt unfulfilled in her extremely conventional job as a clerical officer and when fate dealt her quite a tragic card she decided to move on.

Her mum and dad had been very supportive throughout the sixties in what was a very different and sometimes disturbed childhood. Julie began to see and talk to spirits from the age of three. Her parents knew what was happening and supported her, and when she couldn't sleep at night sometimes because of spirits visiting and talking to her, they comforted her. They also kept her gift secret to protect her from sceptics who may have thought that she was schizophrenic.

Julie's mum and dad were both diagnosed with cancer within the space of three weeks and both died soon afterwards. Devastated and feeling a constant and overwhelming sense of grief Julie wondered how she could cope without them. Her dad visited her within a day of passing over and her mum soon after. For Julie, this was the turning point in her life and she decided to break free from the chains of convention. Her gifts being so great coupled with the accuracy of her predictions, word of mouth travelled fast. From Leeds to London, London to Hollywood and Miami and America to Sydney, her clientele are scattered far and wide. Julie has a list of celebrity clients on her books, some of whom she counts as friends. Gabby Yorath, Dale Winton and the late Larry Grayson to name but a few.

When Mark Addy, who starred in The Full Monty met up with Julie before he became famous, Julie informed him that she could see

a red carpet and that he would be going to Hollywood. As an unknown at the time, he naturally found this hard to believe. As well as The Full Monty, he went on to work in Hollywood to make two more films, Prequel to the Flintstones and Jack Frost with Michael Keaton. Andrew Dunn who is Tony in The Dinner Ladies and who also features with Rory Bremner as Alistair Campbell is a visitor to Julie's peaceful and tranquil office in Leeds and is also a good friend.

Julie is predominantly a Medium. This mixed with her warmth as a person and her ability to predict what sometimes seems like the impossible keeps her busy with a packed diary and phone calls coming in from all over the world. She has a genuine concern for her clients and although she does not see herself as a counsellor her clients feel a sense of inner peace having spoken with her. Her "unbiased second opinion" as she puts it can sometimes be quite shocking to people — she tells it like it is. Julie seems to work a lot within the media. She sees a lot of young journalists who are curious about their careers, company directors curious about their companies, and has also been a guest of Richard and Judy on their morning show.

Julie Cryer is a rare quantity, and with her vision, her clarity and the gifts bestowed upon her as a small child, she is moving towards what she feels is in her own words "a very exciting and fulfilling time!"



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