



Do you believe

Julie Cryer sat across the formica table in the Yorkshire Post canteen and fixed her iridescent gaze on me. Averting my eyes to look out across the Leeds rooftops, touched by pale spring sunshine, I felt unnerved – as would perhaps anyone in the presence of someone who claims to be able to see everything about you, 'like watching a video', past, present and future.

Julie Cryer is one of the area's most renowned mediums, dealing with a wide range of clients from all walks of life. "It all started when I began communicating with people who had died, like my grandmother and grandfather. I knew things that I could only have known had I talked to them. My family soon took my mediumship for granted. By the time I was 17

or 18, I began to be able to see into the future. It was exciting. I felt very unique."

"What I want people to realise," says Julie, whose face is full of fun and laughter, framed by a no-nonsense mop of blonde hair, "is that I am not mystical and heavy. I am not spooky. I am not a fortune teller – I don't read palms.

"I get tired of having to prove myself in my work all the time. I know what I can do, and so

does everyone I deal with."

Some of Julie's clients are very famous, she's told me their names, but I'm sworn to secrecy. Many are involved in the music industry, others in the media, still others in television. "Some years ago, I met Mark Addy in a pub up near YTV. He'd just been for an audition, and I told him he hadn't got the part, but not to worry, he'd be a Hollywood sex symbol in a couple of years.

"Of course, he was incredulous!" she grinned, as a chill ran down my spine. "But then three years later, he got a part in *The Full Monty*." Strange but true, and Julie's conversation is peppered with similar accounts. It is no wonder that she has such a huge client base. Including telephone clients, she says she talks to 20,000 people.

"Do you ever feel that your gift is a burden?" I ask. "Never a burden, but a responsibility, yes. Obviously, I can't tell everyone that they're going to get a part in a Hollywood blockbuster, but what I can do is show people the bigger picture – I can inspire people to better themselves. I love to inspire people."

Things have certainly changed as far as people's perceptions of mediums are concerned. Nowadays, people are more open to alternative practices, and many have great faith in them. "The adults of today are more interested in what's out there, they're less held back. People today have massive amounts of freedom compared to previous generations, and they are sometimes unsure what to do with their freedom. By talking to me, they can gain reassurance and confirmation," she said.

"I find that my client base has changed significantly – more men and more intelligent people. I've started doing corporate clairvoyancy with a couple of businesses in the Yorkshire area. I find this very exciting and a lot of fun. And of course, the companies I'm working for are really thrilled!"

Julie has a number of projects lined up for the next few years, a film and even a book. "I want to call it *Spiritually Speaking... we don't have to be called Doris*, because it will be all about the changing face of clairvoyancy."

"Do you fear waking up one morning to find your gift has gone?" I ask. Julie gave me a somewhat quizzical look and laughed: "I can't imagine. It would be like waking up as a man after being a woman." ●

If you would like more information about Julie Cryer's corporate clairvoyancy service, call her on 01757 700799.