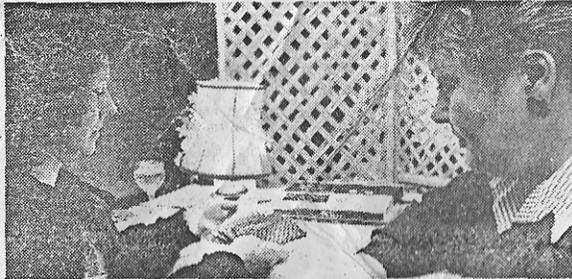


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Clairvoyants and planet gazers gathered in Leamington last week. Misscellany reporters went along to seek 'the truth' of their psychic

# Revealing all at the hands of pyschics



PEGGY Bayliss (right) listens to what the tarot cards have in store for her, read by Diana Pemberton.

THE success of Leamington's third psychic fair since last June shows there is a strong interest in the mystical and spiritual.

On Sunday the fair at the Falstaff Hotel was busy from 11.30 to 7.30 with seekers after truth the kinds of "truth" not supplied by mainstream religions or by modern science.

But anyone turning up expecting crystal balls, gypsies, tealeaf reading and the crossing of palms with silver was in for a surprise.

These days it takes a lot more than mere silver if you want a glimpse into the future and the practitioners have gone up-market with tape recorders and computers much in evidence.

Entering what is usually the downstairs bar visitors were assailed by Indian music and the smell of pot pourri and herbal cushions being sold by Gill Allmark of Creative Inheritance.

Sitting at tables around the room were the psychics, clairvoyants and mediums who travel the

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and clairvoyant" David Bingham objected to flash photography, which was something we had not foreseen.

Apparently, it interfered with his astral projection, or something, and adversely affected his sand reading — the ancient form of "geomancy" he specialises in.

Some of the visitors had been attracted by curiosity, others were already interested. Few seemed disappointed by their consultations.

Many seemed rather defensive about being there, and were not keen to reveal their names.

Clairvoyant Diana Pemberton was anxious to stress this was not fairground stuff. "There is nothign strange about it — we are all psychic, it is just that I have developed it more."

Descended from "genuine Romany gypsies" she clearly has an advantage, so I sat in on a £7 session.

But it all seemed disappointingly general, full of vague statements like



A far cry from the fairground — acclaimed clairvoyant Patrick Deadman during a consultation.

insights offered were no more impressive than any reasonably perceptive person could have come up with after 30 minutes' conversation.

I later went to a demonstration of clairvoyance by the aptly named Patrick Deadman.

A pleasant, fast-talking, former engineer, he picked seven or eight people from an audience

and a third to watch out for athletes' foot. No one disagreed with what he said about them.

Naturally he singled me out, despite determined efforts to avoid his eye, but I remained unconvinced when he said he saw a newspaper — after all he could have seen me earlier with a notebook and a photographer.

So the case for the

was impressed by an astrology chart drawn for her.

And in the week Canon John Petty — who claims to have a healing gift — was installed as provost of Coventry Cathedral perhaps the idea of miracle cures should not be completely dismissed.

Certainly someone who believes in this sort of thing will not be persuaded otherwise and



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