

TROUBLE OVER PSYCHICS FAIR



Patrick Deadman

A Loughborough clairvoyant is at the centre of a fierce religious storm over an event he plans to stage at the Town Hall this week.

Already the Loughborough Town Hall has received letters of protest from Church people, suggesting that local psychic, Patrick Deadman's New Age, Fair will lower the tone of the whole community and should be cancelled. Some even go as far as to suggest that Mr Deadman is working for the Devil.

He is organising a special alternative science and medicine fair this Saturday, which will include psychic readings, demonstrations of alternative medicine and wholefood cookery designed to show local people how to take better care of both mind and body in the modern world.

But said Town Hall Manager, Deirdre Thomason: "We have had a number of letters from local church people worried about what they see as Devil worship — and I wouldn't be surprised if there was some sort of protest at the Town Hall on the day."

"It is certainly the worst reaction we have ever had to an event organised at the Town Hall", she added.

But she says that she is satisfied with the assurances she has had from Mr Deadman that the sort of things which people have been worried about will not be taking place at the Town Hall.

by ANDY GOSS

Violence in Schools 'not so bad'

DESPITE national reports expressing the fear and concern of teachers' unions over violence and indiscipline in schools, a local representative has put the situation in North West Leicestershire into perspective.

"I think to a certain extent, although there may be isolated cases of violence in schools, the problem in N.W. Leics is not as bad as in other parts of the country," said Steve Heskith, Secretary of the North Leicestershire Teachers Association.

"In the past two years I haven't had to deal with any cases at all."

The NUT Deputy General Secretary, Doug McAvooy last week stated that teachers are 'having their energies drained' because of having to deal

"We have been asked to stop the event from taking place at the Town Hall but we have no reason to cancel," said Mrs Thomason.

But Pastor Phil Weaver of the Elim Church Centre, Ashby Road, Loughborough, strongly condemns the sort of psychic activities which Mr Deadman practices.

"I feel that Mr Deadman is sincere and that his ability does work. But I think ultimately it comes from the Devil — anything that looks into the future the Bible warns us about," says Mr Weaver.

Protest

"I can understand people who are looking for some comfort, but desperate people do desperate things and I believe that you can do more harm than good through it," he added.

And he warned: "If we mess around with these things we're in for a bad time. It's a comfort, that carries a curse and the Bible describes it very clearly." He also confirmed that members of his congregation had sent letters of protest to the Town Hall, but stressed that no official protest had originated from

Town Hall under pressure to stop New Age Fair on Saturday

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