

Not even psychic Steve Holbrook predicted how successful his clairvoyance demonstrations would be... but whether you are a believer or not, there is no denying the spiritualist is proving a big hit with audiences nationwide. Booked up until 2008, the West Yorkshire-based clairvoyant has a busy schedule ahead of him with shows taking place all over the UK, from Falmouth to Glasgow and a cruise to the Caribbean on the books. But this week Steve took time out to talk to me about how it all came about . . . and no, he did not see it coming.

The now well-established psychic, who has been dubbed Britain's 'most accurate medium', had his first experience when he was just nine. "My grandfather came into my bedroom and tapped me on the shoulder," he told Profile. "It was about 4am and he said 'I have gone Stephen, tell your mother'." Steve says his granddad had been ill in hospital for a while and, though he was a little confused, he went and told his mum. Naturally, her reaction was to put him back to bed and to tell him that he was only dreaming.

But the next morning his sister woke the father-of-three to tell him the news that his granddad had died at 3.55am that morning. For a while after that everything was quiet for Steve, but then at the age of 16 he was at a supermarket when he accidentally brushed the hand of an elderly woman. "I heard someone say 'tell her it's Michael. I only died in September. And wish Chloe a happy birthday for me.' That shook me a bit. I did not mind my granddad visiting me but someone else's relative was weird."

"It was then I decided to go to the doctor to see if he could help me. However, he found me fascinating and said I was special. He told me to go to a local spiritualist church but not to tell anyone he said so. I, on the other hand, did not feel special and I did not want to be different." He did decide to go along to the spiritualist church and it was there that he had another psychic experience when he met a young woman he predicted would become famous through a BBC documentary programme based on her life as a singer on a cruise ship.

"I told her I saw her standing in front of purple curtains and I said she would be going on a cruise ship and that she would appear on the BBC," Steve told Profile. "That woman turned out to be Jayne McDonald and we have been friends ever since." Since then, Steve's career has gone from strength to strength and he now tours the country giving demonstrations of his gift and has visited our area on several occasions.

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"Now I have travelled all over with the demonstrations and been as far as Tunisia, Monte Carlo and Bridlington." When asked about what happens at his evenings, the clairvoyant explains that he believes life does continue after death — but



just on a different vibration. He says that most people cannot sense the vibrations and insists that just because people cannot see them, does not mean they do not exist. In fact he likens vibrations to radio waves in that they are there waiting for someone to 'tune in' to them.

And that is what Steve says he does during his demonstrations, where he says he hears voices and passes on messages — describing himself as like a 'telephone' between the two worlds and if someone thinks they recognise who he is talking about they usually put up their hand. "A lot of people get very emotional and I have seen many a grown man cry," he adds. "And, although, I get a lot of sceptics, 99 per cent of them leave uncomfortably challenged at least."

Most people would be terrified on hearing these voices, but Steve says he would be petrified at the thought of not hearing them and having his special talent. Says Steve: "I don't get scared. It is as natural to me as breathing now and it would be more scary if it went away." Steve is also currently the subject of a trio books called *The Light In The Darkness*, *Out Of This World* and *Survival* by James Christie and has in the past been asked to help a regional crime squad with their investigations into a murder inquiry.

And despite being very busy with tours and everything else, the gifted spiritualist still finds time to raise money for lots of worthy charities and is currently helping Macmillan Cancer Support — having raised around £3,000 so far. ■

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■ Steve will be bringing his show to Mansfield Civic Centre on 22nd October and tickets costing £12 are available on 01623 456789. For further information visit his website at www.steveholbrook.co.uk