Medium 'sees' Royal baby

THE EDITOR'S E-MAIL INTERVIEW WITH A SERVING MEDIUM

Under the mediumistic microscope this month is Hythe, Kent, clairvoyant Pauline Mason (pictured left), who is now available for sittings at the Spiritualist Association of Great Britain's London headquarters.

The first points put to Pauline were: "Where were you born and when? Were you raised as a Spiritualist?"

WAS born in Ramsgate, Kent, on May 26, 1950. No, I was not raised as a Spiritualist, but attended a Church of England school. I was very interested in the Church's prayers and its teachings.

What was your first encounter with Spiritualism?

When I was twelve, I told my mother that Queen Elizabeth was having a baby - and the next day the news was officially announced in the paper. I had a huge interest in life after death and people with an ability to link to the next world.

Are you a full-time medium or do you have another occupation? What jobs have you done in the past?

I am now a full-time medium and have my own Robin and Rainbow Centre in Hythe. Previously, I was a hairdresser and also worked as an assistant for the elderly and children with learning difficulties.

For thirteen years, I was a volunteer hairdresser at a hospice, which was fulfilling both for myself and patients nearing the end of their earthly life.

Who's in the rest of the family?

My husband Brian, who used to run a betting shop in Hythe, which he's now sold. Then there's my parents, Elsie and Ron Nayler, who have both passed on.

Mum always supported me in my mediumship and used to accompany me when I went to demonstrate. She still supports me today, though it's now from the spirit world.

I have a brother, Michael, who lives in the Gold Coast in Australia. He's an electrician at Sea World, a famous marine animal park.

What psychic gifts do you have?

I am clairvoyant, clairaudient and clairsentient. I knew things and could see them, and heard my father talking to me after he passed on. I also sat for trance and received some lovely words of wisdom from the spirit world.

Where did you develop your mediumship?

Twice a year, I attended the wonderful weekend seminars which used to be held in Eastbourne by the Spiritualist Association of Great Britain, and sat with mediums Gordon Smith, Billy Cook and Mary Armour.

Additionally, I sat in medium Terry

Tasker's circle and attended many workshops at Sheila French's Ershamstar spiritual centre in Folkestone.

Do your neighbours know you are a medium? If so, what's their reaction?

Yes, they do. Some are very interested and spend time with me asking many questions.

How long have you been serving Spiritualist churches?

For sixteen years.

How many churches do you serve a month and in which parts of the country?

It's about three churches a month. I now work as an international clairvoyant and medium, and travel across Great Britain and Europe giving private readings and spiritual healing. My work also involves offering spiritual teaching.

For instance, I worked in Germany for three years. A lovely lady and hardworking interpreter called Elvie used to meet me at Frankfurt Airport and would drive me through beautiful forest areas until we arrived at her tiny village high in the mountains.

In Germany, I met so many interesting people from all walks of life. Some people travelled miles to sit with me. I have moved on from Germany and now work in Vienna, Austria, as well as in Guernsey and Spain, where I took my own students, which was a first. We are already booked for twice next year.

When demonstrating abroad, I enjoy watching people's faces, as I have no idea of their reply until it is translated. It is a true partnership from Spirit through spirit to spirit.

From a medium's point of view, what makes a Spiritualist church really stand out?

Those that are places of peace and love, and a coming together of like-minded souls.

What can a congregation do to assist a medium on the platform?

Send love, support and positive thoughts. They all really help!

What's the most satisfying aspect about being a medium?

My greatest pleasure is witnessing the joy on people's faces after offering guidance and delivering messages from their loved ones in Spirit to help others on their journeys through life.

What was the best day in your life. . . and the worst?

The best day was giving my first message. The worst was losing my dad, who passed first. However, this turned me towards spirituality.

What is your philosophy of life in no more than two or three sentences?

To live life to the full, become a better person and learn from mistakes I have made.

If you were stranded on a desert island, which three or four luxuries in life would you miss the most?

Music, books and other people.

Similarly, if you had to leave your house in an emergency, which three items would you grab on the way out?

Photos, my pets and the possessions owned by my parents, which are priceless to me.

Do you have any hobbies or special interests away from the psychic scene?

Yes-rock'n'roll dancing and going to the gym. I also enjoy visiting the centres run by the The Aspinall Foundation.

An internationally renowned animal conservation charity, it is committed to the breeding, reintroduction and protection of rare and endangered species.

Amongst its objectives are to halt the extinction of rare and endangered species in the wild to continue to provide the most natural environment possible for the animals in both its parks and reintroduce animals back to their wild habitat where it is feasible.

How do you relax at the end of the day?

Watching animal programmes on TV and listening to music with my cats.

If you could invite four people, "dead" or alive, for dinner, who would they be and why?

Mum and Dad. I would love to hold them again and ask about the spirit world which would allow me to understand so much more.

Next comes medium Gordon Higginson, a former President of the Spiritualists' National Union and a brilliant clairvoyant. It would be so good to meet him, listen to his teachings and hear about his life's journey from a child to an adult.

Last, but not least, Elvis Presley, to spend time with another amazing man and hear him sing to me.