



Clairvoyant really does have his mediumship taped!

by Kay Hunter

One of the most spectacular successes of medium Ronald Hearn came about when he contacted Nell Gwynn, the former actress and mistress of King Charles II, hundreds of years after she passed on.

Nell, who lived on earth from 1650-87, was originally an orange-seller, later becoming famous as a comedienne at London's famous Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.

Ron was asked by American-based psychic researcher Hans Holzer to investigate the activities at a reputedly haunted London nightclub.

Showgirls had mentioned seeing "a strange figure" and were said to be "scared to death" according to the manager.

While talking to him, Ron "saw" a woman in a long cream-coloured dress trimmed with lace. She wore a broad-brimmed hat.

He described the spirit form to the manager, who acknowledged that this was indeed the form that had been frightening his customers and staff.

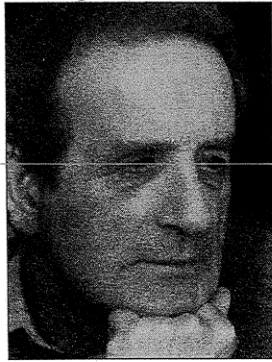
Following the evening show, a seance was organised. After a loud noise and clashing of swords, "a woman came in smiling."

She announced herself as Nell Gwynn. Asked by Ron why she was disturbing the peace of the building, she explained:

"This is my house. The king gave it to me. I can do whatever I want here. It is the others who will have to accept me."

Hans Holzer had done his homework on Nell Gwynn and the building. If she really were Nell Gwynn, he said, she should know that the former house had an unusual characteristic.

"Certainly," said the spirit visitor. "There is a small underground river that runs from east to west." This was correct.



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Nell then claimed that "The Arsenal" was nearby, but had been destroyed by fire.

The spirit visitor added that she had fallen in love with a Captain Fortescue, an alliance which caused the king to be jealous, and that he imprisoned her after Fortescue's death in a duel. These facts were later verified.

Nell bore the king two sons, and was buried in St Martin-in-the-Fields. The last words of King Charles II are quoted as being, "Let not poor Nelly starve." Indeed, she was accorded due dignity after her passing.

Apart from public demonstrations, Ron is also noted for the countless taped sittings that he did for absent sitters. Some lived thousands of miles away.

"For the tapes, I sit for a solid hour," he said. "It is constant and concentrated."

"With an ordinary sitting, you stop and wait for an answer. Here you don't. It is

rather exhausting."

Sitting for tapes has been interspersed over the years with major public appearances.

For instance, the medium appeared on BBC's "Pebble Mill" in 1974. A year later, he was invited by ITV's "Today" team to try and contact "the White Lady" said to haunt the ruins of Rochester Castle in Kent.

Ronald was a great friend of psychic artist Coral Polge. He not only conducted the funeral service for her much-loved young cousin Mavis, but confirmed her spirit presence at the event.

He also conducted the wedding when Coral married healer Tom Johanson. Later, Tom became secretary of the Spiritualist Association of Great Britain in Belgrave Square.

Coral and Ronald were much in tune with each other. She described, in her book, "Living Images," an extraordinary happening when he had his first booking at Acton Spiritualist Church.

"One of my friends, Mrs Saunders, was president of Acton church at that time," wrote Coral.

"I mentally rebuked myself for failing to tell Ron to introduce himself to her, telling her I was a friend of his.

"Next morning a puzzled Ron telephoned me and said, 'What were you doing at Acton church last night?'"

"What on earth do you mean?" asked Coral. "I was

at Hayes."

It transpired that Mrs Saunders had "seen" Coral standing beside Ron during the demonstration and mentioned the fact to him.

As Coral explained, her thought created a form in the place she had been thinking about and made the introduction she had considered.

We all have to adjust to the hazards of advancing years, but this in no way dims the determination of some of our best and most respected mediums.

Despite a period of ill-health, Ronald continues working away from the headlines and still does some tapes for absent sitters.

He wants to work at a gentler pace, in his own time, beavering away for the Spiritualist cause.



HERE is a psychic portrait of Ronald Hearn's guide, Running Water.

"The public expects you to walk on stage and bingo - it all happens," he once told PN.

"Do people appreciate the high rate of sensitivity you must have? It is rather akin to the theatre.

"When you demonstrate publicly, you are in some ways giving a show like a performer. When it's over, you want to be alone. Then you get the tag of being difficult."

Over the years, Ronald Hearn has gained the gratitude and admiration of thousands of people through his taped sittings, and truly remains one of our most respected so-called veteran mediums.

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