

PAYMENTS MADE TO QUINN'S ACCOUNTS

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THE criminology student accused of murdering three prostitutes in Britain will be defended by the same law firm that represented Yorkshire Ripper, Peter Sutcliffe.

Stephen Griffiths (40), a former public schoolboy, who described himself as "the Crossbow Cannibal" appeared in court on Friday on charges linked to the disappearance of three women from Bradford's red-light district during the past year.



NO COMMENT: Our Nicola confronts Tony and Eve



HIGH LIFE: Quinn inside LeMeridien last summer



PLUSH: LeMeridien Hotel in Monte Carlo, where Quinn holds seminars



tax-haven transfers

self realisation and success.

By 2003 he began marketing the 'Mind Masters' seminars while the price stood at €18,500 for ordinary seminars and €63,500 for the 'Masters.'

Followers paid for their own flights and for their money got a 13-day session with Quinn and one day off to admire the stunning setting of Paradise Island.

Over the past seven years, Quinn has held the seminars every four months from Monaco to Marbella and Egypt to Monte Carlo.

Back home, his Tony Quinn Health Centres have continued to thrive and now there are now 13 stores across Ireland. The last abridged accounts filed at the Companies office show that the company retained a profit of just €36,845 in the year to October 2008.

Money

In recent years, Quinn has made further money from his Educo gym network.

Gym branches have been opened by followers who attend courses with him, purchase the franchise from him and pay a hefty fee to use his 'time machine' exercise equipment in the gyms which are staffed by instructors trained by Quinn.

But it is the seminars in the sun which are currently under the microscope by Revenue.

The Sunday World has revealed how thousands of Irish people have taken out huge loans, borrowed credit and even re-mortgaged their houses to

pay for the seminars after falling for Quinn's promises. Those who travel for the courses, many of whom believe Quinn to be Jesus Christ, go to experience what he describes as "The Force", named after the mystic force in Star Wars.

Just like the fictional movies, he claims the energy it produces will enhance their physical and mental abilities and footage we have obtained behind the doors of such seminars shows participants writhing on the floor in ecstasy as Quinn promises them the 'designer lives' they dream of.

A leading doctor, Dr John Butler, who is an expert in the field of cults, has told the Sunday World that the people are simply being placed into a deep state of hypnotic relaxation by Quinn and that their 'shakes' are brought on by nothing more than the power of suggestion.

We have uncovered how an incredible 3,000 people have already handed over €18,500 to attend the seminars while more than 400 have paid €63,500 for his 'master classes' - which affords them a brief aura fixing with the guru.

The 62-year-old former butcher and his young South African lover Eve refused to talk to the Sunday World last July when we confronted him in the playboy's paradise of Monaco where he was holding a seminar.

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