

her dad pipes up. “He screamed the house down when we touched the Bible on his head.” It was then that Rev Larson called forward his daughter from the back of the hall. Apparently, there was an audible gasp and the man lurched back in his seat at the very sight of Brynne. She took out her Bible, and he screamed and convulsed in agony.

“I shouted: ‘Go to the pits of hell!’ and the man screamed even louder,” she recalls. “Then I said: ‘Out! In the name of God!’ and I cast the demon asunder.”

As the demon left him, the man burst into grateful tears, and the crowd cheered.

Starting YOUNG

Since then, the schoolgirl has performed many more exorcisms, but reckons the most important was on her best friend, when they were both 15.

“She was complaining of terrible headaches,” she recalls. And to Brynne’s mind, there was no doubt that this was an indicator of a malady that a lie-down and a couple of painkillers simply wouldn’t cure.

“She had all the symptoms of having demons,” she insists. “So Tess and I took her somewhere private and performed an exorcism. We confronted her demons, and chanted: ‘She is a child of God,’ before instructing her demons: ‘Go to the pit of hell.’”

Afterwards, Brynne’s friend started crying, claiming she had been relieved of her problem.

It’s clear that these girls start young. Tess confides that her proudest moment happened when she was 14.

“I led my own curse-breaking seminar. As I walked around the room with a Bible and oil to anoint the sufferers, I was really nervous because this is such an important rite of passage for an exorcist,” she says.

Of course, not everyone is suited to spending their teens

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doing battle with the devil. For a start, Rev Larson says you need to have had a “calling from God”.

And, perhaps unsurprisingly, dealing with Satan is not something to be taken lightly. “It’s not easy,” he warns. “Only the trained can do it properly.”

His exorcists don’t charge, but people bring “offerings” to seminars where his teams work en masse. However, if they attend an emergency on the other side of the world, they can incur expenses of up to £2,500. Communities often club together to pay.

The girls now assist Rev Larson in exorcisms all over the world. But they aren’t just sent out on their own, knocking on the doors of the possessed. They may have the power to command Satan back to the fiery pits of hell, but they are also, after all, still teenagers.

“I don’t do house calls yet,” says Savannah. “I have a lot to learn, and it’s dangerous performing exorcisms. The Bible says that a person who is possessed by the devil can have seven times the strength of one man.”

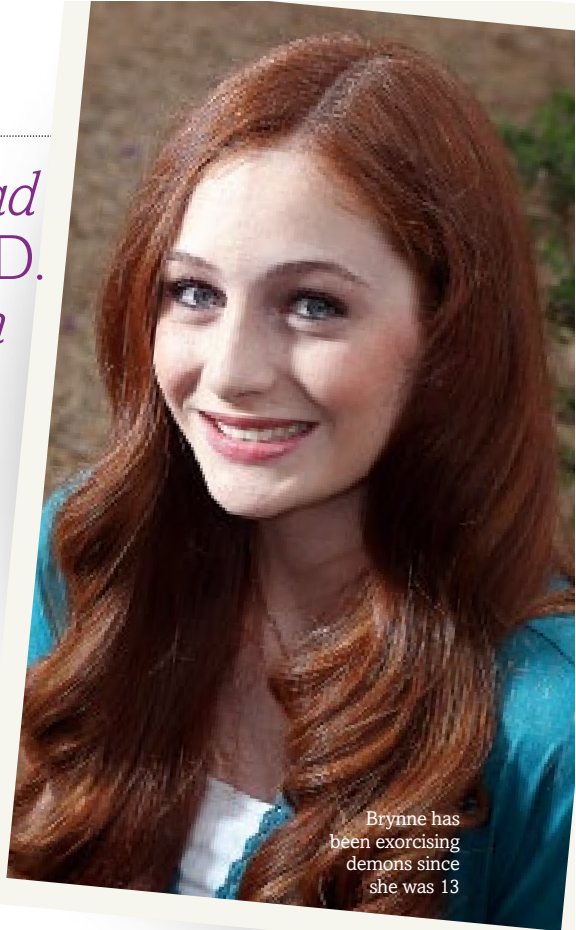
Saving SOULS

However bizarre it may seem to the casual observer, the girls insist real exorcisms are nothing like in the movies.

“Hollywood sensationalises things,” says Savannah. “But the scenes where the people convulse – that’s real. When you have demonic possession, the demon has what we call a legal right to possess your body. You must break the curse.”

Don’t expect spinning heads and legions of the undead. “When we read ‘murder’ or ‘death’, they yawn,” she says.

If this doesn’t sound like the most comprehensive diagnosis, there’s no doubt in the girls’ minds they can spot



Brynne has been exorcising demons since she was 13

a soul in infernal torment when they see one. “It’s quite easy to tell the difference between genuine cases of possession, and simple cases of schizophrenia or learning difficulties,” she explains. “But the devil can work in mysterious ways to disguise itself,” she adds.

Before Rev Larson and his teams can go to work, a 12-page psychological profile must be completed, just to make sure the subject is not mentally unwell.

He admits his business has become something of an “exorcist franchise”. He now has 100 teams of five to 10 people working around the world. Last month alone, Brynne performed nine exorcisms. And it’s clear she enjoys her new role.

“We’ve travelled all over the world performing exorcisms. I’ve been to Africa, Australia, New Zealand, the Far East, Russia, Latvia, even the Bahamas, saving souls,” she says.

Brynne is also defiantly single. “I’ve never had a boyfriend,” she says. “But I consider myself lucky: I don’t have many of the demons that can be associated with obsession or desire. There are people that need exorcisms and need help – that’s all I’m interested in.” **f**



The girls’ must-haves: a Bible and cross