

'I really can see the future'

Eerily, Chris Robinson's dreams seem to come true...

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Recently, thousands of people were caught up in the chaos of a bomb scare in central London. Not Chris Robinson. He claims to have been warned of the incident.

'I should have been in Tottenham Court Road that afternoon,' he says. 'But I had this dream in which the whole area was sealed off and the police were swarming round. I knew something bad was going to happen, so I cancelled my meeting.'

Dreams like this are a nightly occurrence for the self-styled 'dream detective', who features this week in a new six-part series, *In Your Dreams*.

It all began in 1989, when Chris's dead grandma warned him in a dream that someone was trying to steal his car. Next morning, an attempted break-in was confirmed by a neighbour.

'After that, I had a succession of strange dreams,' he says. 'I put it down to my imagination and tried to block it out.'

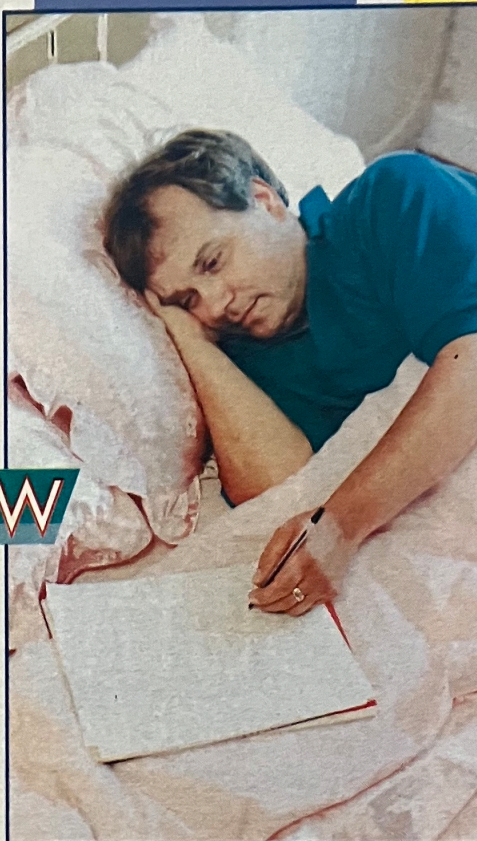
Soon afterwards, Chris, who



Chris with wife Bessie and daughters Melissa (right) and Danielle

lives with his wife Bessie and two daughters in Bedfordshire, had a premonition of such seriousness he says he had to start taking notice.

'I had a dream about five IRA men who were staying in a Cheltenham hotel, what they



All in a night's sleep... Chris records details of his dreams

were planning and where their explosives were hidden.

'The police didn't act on my information, but they later arrested five men and found the explosives. They were spooked out that I knew so much.'

It led to Chris being put under surveillance and the suggestion by detectives that he kept a dream diary. The results, which he faxed daily to Scotland Yard and his local police station in Luton, were startling.

One of his early premonitions concerned the kidnapping of baby Alexandra Griffiths from St Thomas' Hospital, London, in January 1990. Chris had already warned police that a baby would be kidnapped from a London hospital by the river.

He claims he also foresaw the murder by IRA terrorists of Tory MP Ian Gow and a bomb at RAF Stanmore in Middlesex.

Chris, who mends computers for a living, says his predictions are now taken seriously by the police and Government intelligence agencies.

Chris's wife Bessie has certainly found his gift useful. 'I often dream about traffic congestion,' he explains. 'So when Bessie goes out, she knows which areas to avoid!'

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