Her new black magic has USA spellbound

Former New Forest resident Sybil Leek has just written a best-seller in America, called Diary of a Witch. So Sybil, now known as "the Californian seeress," is cashing in on the craze for witchcraft and the study of the occult now raging over there.

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In fact, Sybil was in the running for an official post as county witch, but was beaten by a broom stick by so-called "sixth-generation witch" Mrs. Louise Huebner, who has just been appointed by the Los Angeles entertainments board.

Much of the interest in witchcraft arose from the investigations into the black arts by film producer Roman Polanski, whose wife, Sharon Tate, was murdered recently.

Sybil (pictured), who lived at Ringwood and Burley, first became interested in witchcraft in the New Forest, about which district she wrote several books before leaving for America two years ago.

