

Is this Britain's most PSYCHIC FAMILY?

The Galliers look just like any other family until they start talking about their special gift. They tell KATE BAILY their very supernatural story

AT FIRST glance the Galliers seem a pretty regular lot but they have something in common that makes them special - they are all psychic. From seeing ghosts and mysterious lights to being highly intuitive, each of them experiences psychic phenomena of one kind or another.

Anna, 50, who lives with husband Colin, 49, and their daughters Gemma, 19, and Stephanie, 17, in Malvern, Worcestershire, believes the gift originates from her grandmother Lillian Tompkins. "My grandmother was acutely psychic," she says. "When I was a child she would often tell us she had been visited by spirits of family members who had passed away. She also knew exactly when to have a flutter on the horses or play bingo because she always knew if she was going to win."

Anna realised she was psychic at the age of eight on a school trip to Devon. "My friends and I went into some woods and right in the middle there was an old hut. I went in to explore and saw a little girl who looked completely normal apart from the fact she was wearing Victorian clothing. She smiled at me. I called out to my classmates to come inside but when I turned round the little girl had vanished. I knew immediately I had seen a ghost," she says.

Her psychic powers manifested

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themselves throughout her teens in various ways. "During sleepovers at my friends' houses I saw my friends' spirits leaving their bodies in their sleep. At another friend's house the spirit of a large dog entered the room and was so close I could feel its breath on my face. It then ran away and disappeared through a wall.

These experiences became so frequent that in her early 20s Anna joined local spiritualist churches and groups such as the Spiritualist Association of Great Britain. "I wanted to learn how to control this gift of mine and meet like-minded people. After a while my confidence grew and I began to do spiritual readings for friends," she says.

"When I do a reading I open up a channel to receive information from the spirit world about the sitter and pass on help, guidance and messages from loved ones who have died. I ask the sitter to have an open mind to allow the energy to flow. As spirits step forward I receive information in many ways. I sense their presence, hear them talk to me and see what they wish to show me, for example how they look."

Anna's daughters Gemma and Stephanie have both inherited Anna's psychic

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PHENOMENAL: From left, Gemma, Anna, Colin and Stephanie have powers that Anna says emanate from her grandmother, Lillian, inset

abilities. "Stephanie was able to see ghosts from a very young age," says Anna.

"When I was pregnant with her I found out I was carrying twins but tragically the other baby died early on in the pregnancy. Even when she was little Stephanie was aware of the presence of her twin brother. When I asked her what the matter was she said, 'My brother's here'."

"I asked her if she wanted to say anything to him and she told me she wanted to hug him so she sat there cuddling what looked like thin air but we could both sense it was the spirit of her brother."

As she got older Stephanie would see

children dressed in old-fashioned clothes while on her way to school.

"On one occasion she came back from a school trip to a local cathedral very upset saying it was a 'bad place' and she had seen people hanging as if they'd been executed."

WHEN she was a child Gemma also saw ghosts regularly, walking from room to room in the house. "Early one evening she saw my grandmother Lillian

and ran into the room as white as a sheet. She said she had seen her 'great nanny' and told me what she was wearing. I knew she wasn't making it up."

Even Anna's chartered accountant husband Colin, whom she describes as "very down to earth and not particularly interested in psychic phenomena" has experienced the paranormal.

"Shortly after his father died he saw a large blue light in the hallway. He was quite shocked and knew for certain it was the spirit of his father."

"Colin has a twin brother Kevin to whom he is very close. When they were 24 Colin

was driving to work when he experienced excruciating pain in his stomach and had to pull over. He knew something was wrong with his brother but couldn't get in touch with anyone in the family to find out what was wrong. He discovered later that at the exact moment he was in pain Kevin was on the operating table having a burst appendix removed."

Anna recalls a time when the whole family was aware of a ghostly presence in their home. "One night while we were

asleep the fire alarms went off. Colin ran all over the house trying to locate the fire and I rushed into the girls' room.

Stephanie, then 10 years old, was very shaken. She told me when she had woken up she had seen an eerie little girl in a long dress with long brown hair sitting at the end of her sister's bed.

"Colin could find no reason for the alarm to have gone off and for several days our home was charged with spiritual energy. Both Colin and Stephanie were aware of the presence of the girl standing in the hallway."

"Even friends who don't believe in this sort of thing said the atmosphere in the house made them uncomfortable."

FOR THE Galliers the paranormal has become so commonplace that sometimes they even forget to mention to each other the strange occurrences that happen in their home. "Recently I saw beautiful golden lights in the hall that I was convinced were an angelic presence," says Anna.

"Then a few days later I was having supper with Colin and I suddenly remembered them. When I mentioned them he said, 'Oh, yes, the lights in the hall. I saw them a few days ago.' It seemed completely normal, as if we were talking about the car going in for a MOT."

Anna has developed her psychic powers to such an extent that she now works as a professional medium and healer. She appeared on the TV programme Britain's Psychic Challenge and is known in her area as a ghostbuster. "I regularly get called to homes because they have spirit activity of one kind or another," she says.

"Occasionally it is a troubled soul needing some help. More often it is the spirit of someone who used to live at that place.

Recently I was called to an old people's home nearby. The night nurse was scared because doors were slamming by themselves and there was a strange banging noise.

"When I got there I knew immediately it was the spirit of an elderly man who had lived there for a long time and had died. I told him he wasn't stuck there and that he had loved ones waiting for him on the other side. I then told him to look towards the light. After that he was happy to leave and all the strange occurrences stopped.

"Spirits are like living people, they need to be

calmed down and reassured," she says. Anna firmly believes everyone has some level of psychic ability.

"I can't imagine life without it. The spirit world has been my guide and comfort all my life. It's not strange or spooky to my family or myself. We accept it as part of everyday life and don't know any different."

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