

# Experiences of the Paranormal

## *Keeping it in the family: The Galliers*

**THERE are no outward signs that the Galliers family is different from any other, but as *the Daily Express* discovered, there is a big difference. They are all psychic.**

Anna, 50, lives with husband Colin and their daughters, Gemma, 19, and Stephanie, 17, in Malvern, Worcestershire.

"My grandmother was acutely psychic," said Anna. "When I was a child she would often tell us she was visited by spirits of family members who had passed away.

"She also knew exactly when to have a flutter on the horses or Bingo because she always knew if she was going to win."

Anna realised she was mediumistic at the age of eight on a school trip to Devon. "My friends and I went into some woods, and in the middle was an old hut. I went in to explore and saw a little girl who looked completely normal but was wearing Victorian clothing. She smiled at me. I called my classmates to come, but when I turned round the little girl had vanished.

"I knew immediately that I had seen a ghost," she said.

"Staying at my friends' houses in my teens I saw their spirits leaving their bodies in their sleep. At one friend's house the spirit of a large dog entered the room, then it ran away and disappeared through a wall."

These experiences became so frequent that Anna joined local Spiritualist churches and the Spiritualist Association of Great Britain. She wanted to learn how to control her gift, and to meet like-minded people.

"After a while my confidence grew, and I began to do spiritual readings for friends," she said. "I open up as a channel from the Spirit World to the sitter. 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.



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I sense their presence, hear them talk to me and see what they want to show me."

Anna's daughters Gemma and Stephanie have both inherited her mediumistic abilities.

"Stephanie was able to see spirits from a very young age," said Anna. "When I was pregnant with her I found I was carrying twins, but the other baby died early on in the pregnancy. Even when she was little, Stephanie was aware of her twin. When I asked her what the matter was, she said, 'My brother's here!'"

As she grew 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 though they had been executed.

When Gemma was a child, she also saw spirits regularly in the house.

"Early one morning she saw my grandmother, Lilian," said Anna. "She ran into the room as white as a sheet and said she had seen her great-nanny'. She told me what she was wearing. I knew she wasn't making it up."

Even Anna's chartered accountant husband Colin, described as 'very down to earth', has experienced the paranormal.

He has a twin brother, Kevin. When they were 24, Colin was driving to work when he had an excruciating pain in his stomach and had to pull off the road.

He knew something was wrong with his brother, but couldn't get in touch with anyone to find out what it was.

Later he discovered that at the exact time he experienced the pain, Kevin was on the operating table having a burst appendix removed.

For the Galliers, the paranormal has become so commonplace that sometimes they even forget to mention to each other the strange occurrences in their home.

"Recently I saw beautiful golden lights in the hall. I was convinced they were an angelic presence," said Anna. "Then a few days later I was having supper with Colin and I suddenly remembered them. When I mentioned them, Colin said, 'Oh, yes, I saw them a few days ago.' It seemed completely normal."

Anna now works as a professional medium and healer. She recently appeared on the TV programme *Britain's Psychic Challenge*, and is sometimes called to homes because of spirit activity of one kind or another

"I was recently called to an old people's home," she said. "The night nurse was scared because doors were slamming by them selves 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 who had died. I told him he wasn't stuck there, and that he had loved ones waiting for him on the other side.

I told him to look towards the light. After that he was happy to leave, and all the strange occurrences stopped.

"Spirits are like physical living beings. They need to be reassured."

Anna believes everyone has some level of psychic ability, and says: "I can't imagine life without it. The Spirit World has been my guide and comfort all my life."