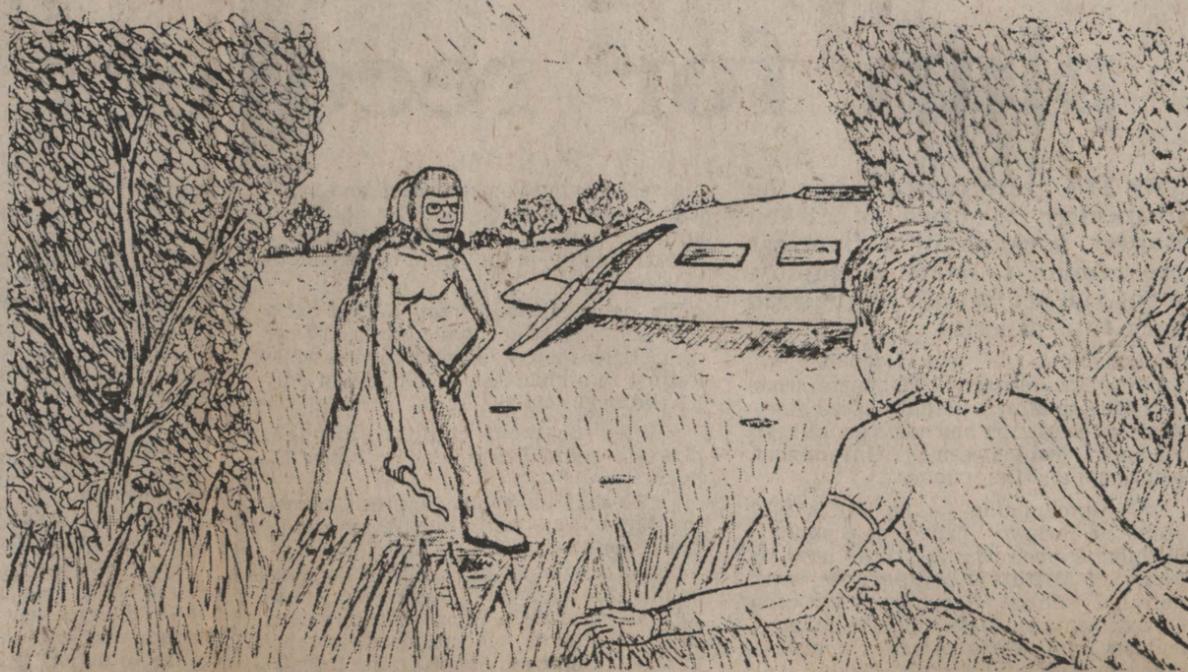


# ALIEN!

**'They told her they operated on another time scale. In earth terms they were 3,500 years old'**



● Nine-year-old Gaynor comes face-to-face with a woman from another world.

ON A BREATHLESS day in the searing summer of 1976, a quiet and intelligent girl from an ordinary family was cycling down a country lane close to her home on the outskirts of a Welsh town.

A silvery glint from a nearby field caught her eyes. She got off the bike and went to investigate.

What young Gaynor Sunderland saw was the start of a story which for sheer mystery must rank among the most startling tales of modern encounters with unidentified flying objects and beings from planets.

The nine-year-old found herself gazing at what looked like a spacecraft shaped like a huge cigar. And as she took refuge in a ditch some yards away a creature stepped out from behind the glittering object whose appearance left her in little doubt he was not human.

About 5 feet 6 inches tall and encased in a silvery suit, the man walked with an ungainly gait, not surprising since his knee-joints appeared to be three-quarters of the way up his leg.

In his hand he carried a gun-like object. When he pressed a button on the side, a ray flashed out to create small craters in the ground in front of him.

Soon he was joined by a second creature, this time a woman, who began investigating the craters the gun had made with her dagger. The horror-struck little girl quickly realised she had been spotted after she accidentally snapped a twig lying close to her.

But by their friendly manner the aliens made it clear they did not want to harm her. As the girl watched, the creatures returned to their craft. It took off and disappeared into the sky.

Then she returned home to tell her astounded mother and father about her close encounter. But that was only the beginning of a story in which Gaynor became a friend of the visiting aliens.

Three of her four brothers and sisters were to have similar encounters. Even her sensible mother and down-to-earth father had experiences which hinted at the presence of forces unknown to modern man. Only the eldest child, Karl, seems to have escaped the extra-terrestrial visitations.

The remarkable story of the Sunderlands is told in a new book \* published tomorrow. The two authors have investigated similar phenomena all over the world.

But even by their standards the Sunderland story is astonishing. Fred and Marion Sunderland lived at Merseyside before they moved to

**Supposing you or other members of your family came face to face with a strange phenomenon. This is the frightening ordeal which faced the Sunderland family of North Wales. Out this week is a book which chronicles their close encounter. A two-part report by MARIO BASINI analyses their meeting.**

Oakenholt, a suburb of Flint in North East Wales.

Fred, a car factory worker, was a solid individual and a good father who spent a lot of his time as a soldier with the Territorial Army. Marion was a busy housewife, interested in astronomy, but with her hands too full coping with five children to bother about such esoteric subjects as UFO's... until her children came to her with their stories and she had seen for herself.

Just after Gaynor's encounter with the aliens, her young brother Darren was walking along the same road when he saw what looked like a spacecraft about 25 feet high resting on four tall, thin legs.

Surrounding it were some men with green trousers and silvery pull-overs. They had prominent teeth and bald heads except for a

tales her children told, decided to keep quiet about them.

But soon similar stories began to emerge among her neighbours and others in the immediate area of North Wales. They convinced her there might be something more to the tales than the overheated imaginations of her children.

A neighbour's 16-year-old daughter reported a similar encounter with a spacecraft. A man from nearby Shotton also reported seeing men in silvery suits.

A little girl from Prestatyn, just down the North Wales coast, saw a UFO hovering just outside her home. There were numerous sightings of strange objects and lights in the sky.

Marion herself saw some unusual things in the heavens. On one occasion with her sceptical husband who dismissed them.

But it was her children's continuing stories about meeting the aliens that finally convinced Marion Sunderland something very strange was happening.

Gaynor, a girl who proved to have remarkable psychic potential, met her two aliens several times. On one occasion about three years after their first meeting when she was lying in bed apparently asleep, they came to transport her to what appeared to be a city full of similar aliens. They told her their names. The man was Parz and the woman Arna.

Shortly afterwards they came to her again while she was lying in bed. She found herself transported as if in a dream to a field outside her house where she was confronted by a bigger version of the first spaceship she had seen.

Arna and Parz appeared and told her she would be going on a trip with them. Having boarded the ship, she found herself inside a huge room 50 feet in diameter. The windows around it were yellow and difficult to peer out of.

On board were three other aliens. But one appeared to be not quite of the same kind as the rest of the crew. She was younger and more human; possibly a hybrid, Gaynor found herself thinking.

The craft took off on a journey which seemed to last half an hour. After it landed Gaynor found her-

self in what appeared to be a zoo kept by the Aliens.

There were a number of bizarre animals, including one called a tuzzo—a tiny ball of black fur about a foot in diameter with feet like a human's and large, curved ears.

After showing her several other equally unusual animals, Gaynor's two alien friends took her back to the ship. The girl felt that although the aliens were real, the other images she had seen were somehow products of her unconscious mind. The aliens seemed to confirm that.

They told her, too, that they operated on a different time scale and that in earth terms they were around 3,500 years old.

They also said that the following night they would reappear to the girl and her mother. On the next evening, Marion accompanied her daughter to the field where Gaynor had first seen the aliens.

But Gaynor left her mother on the edge of the field while she walked into the middle to meet her friends. Disappointed, Marion peered through the gloom. Soon she heard a faint buzzing sound and then Gaynor's voice holding what appeared to be a conversation.

Marion approached rapidly and glimpsed two shadowy figures which quickly disappeared. Gaynor had earlier asked her unearthly friends why they had bothered to appear to a 12 year-old girl when they might have manifested themselves to some of the top scientists in the world.

The aliens replied that only children or members of ordinary families were likely to believe in them since people with reputations to lose would not have dared talk about their experiences.

When Marion reached her daughter after the conversation, Gaynor told her to look up since the space ship had just taken off. The mother saw a white light much larger than a star moving rapidly across the sky.

But the Sunderland story does not end there.

About two years after the summer when Gaynor and Darren had met the creatures, their

younger brother Barry confessed that he too had a similar experience in roughly the same place at about the same time.

Barry said he, too, had seen a huge silver object in a field close to his home. When he had got closer to it he had seen strange creatures which looked like demons in medieval religious pictures walking around it.

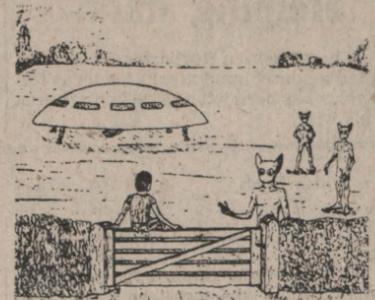
And Nerys, the youngest of the Sunderland children, also reported a strange orange object near her home. Little green men had emerged out of that object as well.

By this time the two authors of the present book as well as several other UFO investigators were taking a keen interest in the story of the Sunderland family.

Others, too, had begun calling at the home. A hypnotist who specialised in regressions—taking people through experiences they might have had in this or in past lives—tested Gaynor's story.

She recounted her experiences with a wealth of details only an experienced novelist could have invented. The hypnotist was satisfied that she was not making anything up.

Then a scientist with extensive knowledge of child psychology also



● Gaynor's brother Barry says the aliens he saw looked like demons out of medieval religious pictures.

examined Gaynor. He too came to the conclusion that she was not inventing her experiences.

But just what were the aliens? And why did they manifest themselves to a group of young children of an average family living in a pleasant but nondescript part of Wales?

\* *Alien Contact* by Jenny Randles and Paul Whetnall, (published by Neville Spearman, price, £5.25.

**Tomorrow: Marion Sunderland talks about her family and her views on the close encounters of the fourth kind.**



● One of the aliens sighted was wearing a badge, say the authors, with a pattern of triangular and circular squiggles. Could it be writing?

few wispy strands of hair. Later, when he got closer to them Darren realised they had only three stiff fingers and a thumb.

The men appeared to have the gift of making themselves bigger and smaller at will. On the ground they looked to be just under five feet tall but when they entered their craft along a ramp leading from the fuselage to the ground they appeared to shrink to around three feet.

Darren, too, realised he had been spotted by the aliens. Frightened, he ran home to tell his mother. Marion, disturbed by the