



Oh, oh, seven...Daniel on the 2015 film Spectre

Dad...Britney with Jamie

Spears dad set to end legal plan

By **Keiran Southern**

BRITNEY Spears' father has filed a petition to end the conservatorship that has controlled her life and career for more than 11 years.

Jamie Spears said "recent events" called into question whether she still needed a court to oversee her affairs.

The filing at a court in Los Angeles states: "Ms Spears has told this court that she wants control of her life back.

"She wants to make decisions regarding her own medical care. She wants to control the money she has made."

Pop star Britney was placed under the legal arrangement – usually reserved for the very old or infirm – in 2008 after suffering a series of mental breakdowns.



No meat...Plantlife range

Shoppers veg out at Waitrose

By **Steph Spyro**

WAITROSE is cashing in on the popularity of meat-free diets by launching 36 new vegan and vegetarian products.

Dishes on offer at the supermarket include crispy "no beef" with sweet chilli sauce and Thai-style no-fish cakes.

Martyn Lee, executive chef at Waitrose, said: "We wanted to provide our customers with more choice when it came to incorporating a holistic approach to their meals."

Products in the Plantlife and GoVeggie ranges, which launched yesterday, start at £2 for a chocolate and caramel dessert.



No time to cry... leaving Bond will not be easy, says tearful Daniel

DANIEL Craig admits he will be shaken as well as stirred when he bids farewell to James Bond.

The actor paid an emotional tribute to his time as 007 saying the role of the secret agent has given him "more things in life than he could wish for".

Craig will end his 15-year run as Bond with the release of *No Time To Die* next month.

As he looked back at his role for a documentary, Craig, 53, admitted he was tearful in his farewell speech to the crew as he ended filming on *No Time To Die*.

He said: "I look at what I have done and I am like, wow, I am connected to *Goldfinger*, *Dr No*, *Live And Let Die*. My tenure is only part of something bigger.

"I genuinely feel like I look back at the films and am incredibly proud of every one of them. I know we have really done our best. Leaving this role is not easy. I can be as brazen and blasé about it as I like, [but] it is still tough to walk away from.

"And it is not about money and fame. I am incredibly lucky to have been able to do this. It has given me more things in my life than I could ever wish for. To walk away from

By **Mark Jefferies** and **James Desborough**

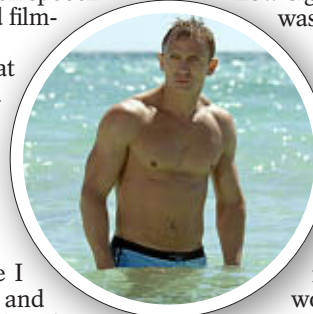
something like that is very tricky." Bond producer Barbara Broccoli added: "Not only has he made his mark on the Bond franchise but he's made his mark in cinematic history.

"Daniel has taken it to a place that is extraordinary. I cannot imagine a Bond after Daniel. The night he completed the role was historic. We knew how significant it was. Everyone was sobbing."

Craig admitted in the documentary *Being James Bond* he suffered "psychologically" dealing with the pain a broke leg working on *Spectre*, released in 2015.

Despite this, and his famous comment he would rather "slash my wrists" than play 007 again, he was persuaded to make *No Time To Die*. He said: "I needed a break. I was supposed to be my last movie but Barbara said no. Barbara drives a hard bargain."

No Time To Die was meant to be released in April 2020, but has been delayed twice due to Covid. It will be shown in the US from October 8. *Being James Bond* is available to watch now on Apple TV.



Licence to thrill... in *Casino Royale*



We've Bonded...with his *Skyfall* co-star Dame Judi Dench

GOLD FINGERS TO SNAP UP £3K TOY CAR

A RARE gold-plated James Bond Aston Martin toy car is tipped to sell for £3,000 next week.

The 3.75 ins toy, which has an ejector seat and guns, was made in 1965 to tie in with the *Goldfinger* film.

By **Mark Reynolds**

A C&T Auctions spokesman said: "There are only four in existence I am aware of." The sale takes place on September 15.



Picture: BNPS

Kay reveals letters to star Ronnie



Two funnies...Barker and Kay kept in touch

PETER Kay is to reveal his strong friendship with late comedy legend Ronnie Barker in a memoir.

Kay, 48, is including letters they sent to each other as well as showbiz tales in the book.

The comedian took up the project in lockdown.

He said: "It's been a real joy recalling over 20 years of stories about filming

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series like *Phoenix Nights* and *Max & Paddy's Road To Nowhere*, appearing on *Parkinson*, at the Queen's Golden Jubilee and sharing letters from Ronnie Barker.

"We wrote to each other for years as pen pals until he passed away."

Barker, half of comedy duo *The Two Ronnies* with

Ronnie Corbett, died in 2005, aged 76. Kay once wrote to his hero Barker, only for him to respond with a letter back written as his *Porridge* character Norman Fletcher. Kay said: "It meant so much to me and it still does."

Kay also reflects on how his life changed when he became a father.

The dad of three said his

priorities had changed in the last decade, hinting that could be why we see less of him on screen.

He added: "The trick is getting the balance right. A lot of people realised that during the pandemic."

*An audiobook of Kay's first memoir *The Sound of Laughter* is available to download from September 16 for Audible members.*