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Big day for Corrie star Catherine

by Janine Yaqoob

CORONATION Street's Catherine Tyldesley is preparing to get married despite once giving up on men and vowing to have a

baby with a gay pal.
Catherine, 32, who plays glamorous Eva Price, changed her mind after falling for personal trainer Tom Pitfield. Four months later she was pregnant with Alfie, who is now one.

And she and Tom are now putting the final touches to their big wedding day.

"Meeting Tom was so, so out of the blue," she told Notebook magazine.

"I'm dead lucky. He ticks every box."

Catherine's character Eva's love life is also blooming as she is back with Aidan (Shayne Ward).

Catherine is a fitness fanatic after being a dress size 22 as a youngster.

"I was doing hill sprints with Alfie in his pram," she said. "Eva's always in ridiculously tight dresses. My dad averts his eyes."

SMILEY

SKINT, stranded Elise Pinder, 20, wants to thank a Good Samaritan who bribed a cabbie with pizza to take her home in Nottingham.

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Dixon's got talent too

ALESHA Dixon is taking on Victoria Beckham with dresses that are 10 times cheaper than Posh's frocks.

Singer Alesha, 37, is so confident her £120 creations can match Victoria's £1,500 designer dresses, she will wear them when she judges Britain's Got Talent.

She believes they will help give her an edge over fellow judge Amanda Holden, 45, who favours Victoria's designs.

"I won't put out anything I'm not proud of," she said. Her frocks are available through Little Black Dress.

Zerba the geek

WARNING! Bad spelling ahead... a sign on a road to a housing development in Bath alerts drivers to a new ZERBA crossing.

DOCTOR WHILE Filming Matt Smith terror as his horse bolts while filming

EXCLUSIVE

by Sharon Feinstein

FORMER Doctor Who star Matt Smith "nearly broke his neck" on his new show when a horse he was riding bolted.

The actor was in South Africa filming a royal drama when the spooked steed rampaged into film equipment. Wildlife expert Luke Cornell said: "When I was moving some of my animals and had my back turned, Matt climbed on the horse. It was a near disaster. He very nearly broke his neck.

"He had a near accident which could have killed him.

"The horse took off, charging through the equipment, lighting stands, into cameras, at a terrific speed and Matt

ROYAL REIN: Matt plays Prince

had no helmet on. He was very lucky he didn't get seriously hurt but was very shaken, white as a sheet. He bit off more than he could chew. It was horrendous.

Matt, 33, plays Prince Philip in The Crown, with Claire Foy as Queen Elizabeth. The drama - for internet broadcaster Netflix - charts

no reason for the animals to attack." feedback@people.co.uk

baboon and hawk. Luke added: "Claire

their lives from 1947 to the present day. Luke said Matt got into bother after stunt doubles had dismounted. They had filmed scenes where the royal couple "ride off into the bush for a bit of romance".

The stars also worked with cheetahs, a

and Matt were afraid of being bitten, kicked and pecked. I kept saying there's

