

They drink it's all over



ON TOWN
Jamie, left,
with Jay,
Adam, right,
and mates



MATES' NIGHT
Comic Jack with
pal Adam Brooks

» Jamie on big Soho night out with the lads

» But Louise fights to say marriage not dead

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TV soccer pundit Jamie Redknapp enjoys a night out on the town - as wife Louise assures pals: "Our marriage is not over for good".

The couple have been struggling to piece their 19-year marriage back together after being torn apart by the former Eternal singer's gruelling stint on Strictly Come Dancing.

Friends say the experience not only took her away from Jamie for long periods but also gave Louise a taste of the showbiz life she had left behind.

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One source said: "Louise is having a bit of a mid-life crisis. She wants to be a young hip woman, but Jamie is content to watch telly and eat his meal on a TV tray, then off to bed."

Revealing that Louise, 42, feared Jamie was "becoming an older man too soon", the pal added: "She's given him a sort of ultimatum. She wants him to wake up and smell the coffee. Leaving him is her way of saying, 'This is serious.'"

Louise has moved out of the couple's mansion in Oxshott, Surrey, and is living 15 minutes away.

But Jamie, 44, was showing no sign of being old before his

time as he partied with mates to mark the end of filming on Sky 1 show A League of Their Own.

He was said to be "happy and relaxed" on a night out in London's Soho.

Joined by his Sky team-mate, comic Jack Whitehall, 29, and other pals he knocked back drinks and danced the night away at trendy spot MNKY HSE.

Clubbers said the former England player looked in his element joking with mates including

Tamara Ecclestone's partner Jay Rutland and Essex businessman Adam Brooks.

But earlier in the week he pulled out of a press day with Whitehall and co-star James Corden to plug the show.

Wife Louise was pictured last week returning to the UK for showdown talks - still wearing her wedding ring.

The pair have yet to comment on their troubled marriage.

But a friend said: "Louise told a few of us her and Jamie are still unbelievably close and in constant communication."

"But she needs more out of him. They

will end up coming back together - that's the consensus among their mates.

"They're a strong family, brilliant parents and they don't want to lose that solidarity but Jamie really has become dull and Louise wants to gee him up."

Jamie and Louise have not been seen together in months. This week Louise took their sons Charley, 12, and Beau, eight, on a trip to Mallorca without him.

Jamie's mum Sandra is said by pals to have been devastated by her son's split, telling friends it has been "a year of hell".

She suffered damage to leg ligaments after being run over by husband, Birmingham City manager Harry.

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And earlier this month it was revealed Harry, 70, had had a cancer scare. A tumour removed from his bladder was later found to be non-malignant.

Problems are said to have started for Jamie and Louise during last year's Strictly Come Dancing. They spent a lot of time apart then she appeared on the live tour.

"Reports this week suggested Louise found her 'mojo' again after bonding with fellow Strictly star Daisy Lowe, 28.

Louise, a runner-up on Strictly, joins Will Young for a touring production of Cabaret in September - making her stage debut as Sally Bowles.

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HOLDING ON Louise with ring, and on previous hols with Jamie

MY PERFECT SUNDAY



By Cerys Matthews

I wake up early and read.

Someone will bring me a coffee and my three children will play quietly.

I don't like talking to anyone first thing! I don't eat breakfast so I'll gather up my records and head off to BBC Wogan House.

Even on my perfect Sunday I'd still do my 10am 6music radio show as I love playing all my favourite records and interviewing interesting artists.

I come off air at midday starving so I'll go home and cook - vegetarian with Yorkshire puddings and gravy and lots of roasted vegetables. The kids, my husband Steve and neighbours will gather round the big kitchen table to eat and talk. I'll open a good bottle of wine, I'm into riesling.

Then Steve and I, maybe the two youngest, will go for a stroll along Portobello Road. Hopefully after Steve has bathed and put the kids to bed, I'll light a fire, get the guitar out and more friends will come over. I'll then watch the news and by 11pm I'm back in bed with a book.

■ Cerys is the founder of The Good Life Experience, a festival of culture and the great outdoors in Hawarden, Flintshire from September 15-17. Tickets at

YOUR PERFECT SUNDAY

My idea of heaven is a Sunday where I have nowhere to go and no laundry. We'd have a lazy morning in our pyjamas while my four-year-old daughter plays, plus good coffee and bacon sarnies.

Catherine Crowe, Nottingham

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