

Chesney: 'MY DAUGHTER IS GOING TO PRIDE WITH JOJO'

The singer on new friends and fresh fame

To celebrate the best of the best in telly land, *heat* popped down to the BAFTA Television Awards at London's Royal Festival Hall last week. We were right at the heart of the action, as our favourite actors, musicians and reality stars graced the red carpet, and of course we grabbed them for a chat. For Chesney Hawkes, *Celebrity Big Brother* seems to have taken him from 'one-hit wonder' to superdad...

You're having quite the comeback! How has life changed since *Celebrity Big Brother*?
It's been overwhelming in a way because it's all taken off quite amazingly. These last

few months have been great, but since *Big Brother*, there's been even more of an influx. It's funny seeing the public out here today. When people see me, they usually call out, 'Chesney, the One and Only!' But now I'm getting, 'It's Chesney from *Big Brother*!' It's all changed. **Who are you still in touch with from the series?**
Everyone really. They were kind enough to put me in with some really nice people. I chat to everyone – Danny and Donna, Jack, Chris, JoJo, Angellica – they're all great people. We can't get ourselves together to make a WhatsApp group, though. Someone needs to take the lead on that one. **Nice to hear you're still all**

still in touch – and with JoJo, even though she's in America...
We talk to each other daily. My daughter [Jesse, who's 21] is going to Pride with JoJo. She's meeting my daughter in LA and they're going to go together, which is really nice. **What about music – how have the last few months impacted your career?**
I've had three radio hits now from my latest album. Things are just awesome. I'm on cloud nine, it's truly amazing. **So, can we expect to see you on another TV show any time soon?**
Never say never. I went into *Big Brother* without any preconceptions, and I loved it. *Traitors*, I could do! I like that one.



JB: second most-popular JLS member

JB: 'MY GIRL LOVES HER UNCLE ASTON'

As head of JLS' UK and Ireland tour this winter, JB Gill filled us in on how times have changed for the lads, as tours are now a full-on family affair with each band member's wives and kids in tow. JB – who's dad to Ace, 10, and Chiara, six – told us, 'My kids love going on tour!'

But when asked if he was their favourite JLS member, he admitted, 'My daughter loves Uncle Aston' – putting it down to their close bond with the Merrygolds, who have children around the same age. Honestly, we don't blame you, Chiara – we all have our favourites!

Ruth Jones: 'EVEN NESSA WAS SHOCKED AT THIS BAFTA'

Were you expecting to take home the win?
It was such a strong category and the other nominees were so incredible, so I genuinely didn't think I'd win. I even took my shoes off because I was settling in for the night! For someone who doesn't get fazed by anything, even Nessa was shocked and honoured by this BAFTA. **Will Nessa stick with you forever?**
I've had a 17-year journey with the character, which is so rare. She's in my soul and in my heart. I've worked with the best people – the cast, crew, production team and James Corden. I love working with James. I hope we can carry on working together. **So, working together in the future is on the cards?**
I think we will. We both like sitting in a room together. We do a lot of napping, but we do write, as well, when we eventually get going.



Cracking speech



Tasha: 'MY DATING CHAPTER IS WELL AND TRULY CLOSED'

Following her split from *Love Island* boyfriend Andrew Le Page in February, Tasha Ghouri told us that she's embracing single life. 'My dating chapter is well and truly closed,' the 30-year-old revealed. 'I'm focusing on me and the things I want to achieve, my passions and career.' And after taking part in *Strictly* last year, she has her sights set on returning to the show, admitting she'd 'love' to become a judge one day.

Danny Dyer: 'IT'S OK TO CRY'

How did it feel to win Best Comedy Performance?
There'll be some people fuming at this. To do my first scripted comedy and nick one of these is mental to me. I'm really proud of the show [*Mr Big Stuff*] and Ryan Sampson, in particular, who wrote it. He gave me all the funny lines, he gave me this vehicle, so cheers! **When you accepted the award, it was clear how much it meant to you...**
I can't believe how emotional I was when I got up. I didn't think that would happen to me, you

know, trying to be 'masculine' and all that. But it's OK to cry now and again. **After being at the heart of *EastEnders* and then stepping into the unknown, does it all feel worth it now?**
Unless you roll the dice and decide to see what else is out there, you'll never know. I happened to try it, and it's working really well for me – at the moment anyway! I've had a really good one this year. *Rivals* has been so well received, I've got *Mr Big Stuff*, too – I feel like I've made it. ■



It was f***king emotional