

An insight into Pearl's wisdom

RENOWNED FOR HER VINTAGE DRESSES, CURTAINS AND INTERIORS, FASHION AND INTERIOR DESIGNER **PEARL LOWE** HAS LAUNCHED HER FIRST RANGE OF BESPOKE CHILDREN'S WEAR, WHICH WAS INSPIRED BY HER LOVE OF THE CIRCUS. NANCY CONNOLLY CAUGHT UP WITH THE FORMER INDIE BAND VOCALIST AND LONDON SOCIALITE JUST AFTER THE LAUNCH OF HER NEW COLLECTION AT BABINGTON HOUSE

Fashion designer, interior decorator, singer, mum of four, socialite, writer, television presenter; Pearl Lowe, who lives in Frome, has squeezed a lot into her 46 years.

Since moving to Somerset from her native London ten years ago, she has embraced living in the country with her husband, former drummer and vocalist with hit '90s band Supergrass, Danny Goffey, and three of her four children, Alfie, 19, 16-year-old Frankie and Betty, 10. Her eldest daughter Daisy, 26, is a successful fashion model.

Pearl appears in the Channel 4 programme Four Rooms, in which members of the public attempt to sell their valuable and collectible items in exchange for a cash offer from one of the four dealers, and is a great charity supporter. She has been helping furniture company DFS get people to donate old sofas for the British Heart Foundation, which then sells the furniture on at its stores across the country. Pearl loves living in Frome, and loves shopping in Bath.

She said: "My favourite shop in Bath is Susannah on Broad Street. I absolutely love it, and I go there every time I come to Bath. The shop has the most beautiful things."

Susannah is well known for its vintage stock of antiques, textiles, hand-made cushions and vintage fabrics, and is loved by fashionable people from all over the country.

"My boys (Alfie and Frankie) love Urban Outfitters



Pearl Lowe with her daughters Daisy, 26, and Betty, 10, and husband Danny Goffey, below



and All Saints in Bath, and I also like Square, where I buy beautiful designer clothes. And I absolutely love Space NK," said Pearl. "I love Bath. I love the architecture. It really is a beautiful city and I've always loved it. It's great living so close.

"Frome has become quite trendy. It has really changed in some ways since we moved here 10 years ago, but in other ways it has not changed at all. I love living in the country. I love my house. It was built in 1810 and it's really beautiful. But sometimes I find living in the country a bit too quiet. "I miss London sometimes. I miss being able to get takeaways late at night, or I miss going to the ballet and all the cultural activities. Everything closes early in the country, it's really quiet. It takes a bit of getting used to. I sometimes miss the hustle and bustle of the city.

"When we go away on holiday we go to busy cities as it is a huge contrast to where we live. We go to Istanbul or Morocco, somewhere where there is a lot going on.

"I do love living in the country, but what people don't realise is you spend so much of your time in the car driving around. I clocked up 25,000 miles in six months.

"I love living in Somerset but sometimes I think I would like to buy somewhere small abroad where I can just jump on a plane and get some sunshine. I find the weather very dreary at times. I really need the sunshine, it makes me happy." ▶▶▶



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