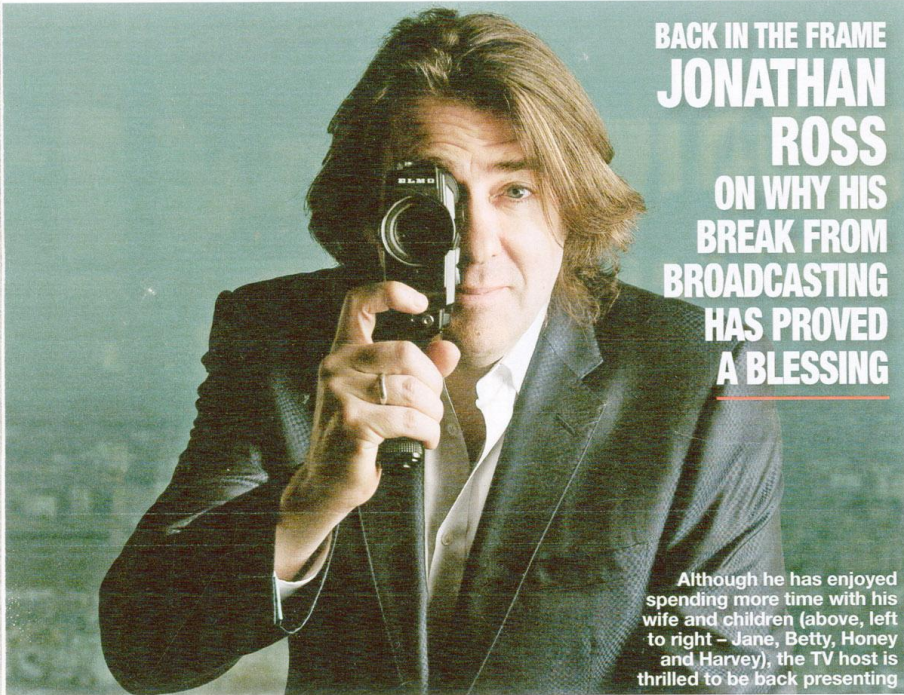
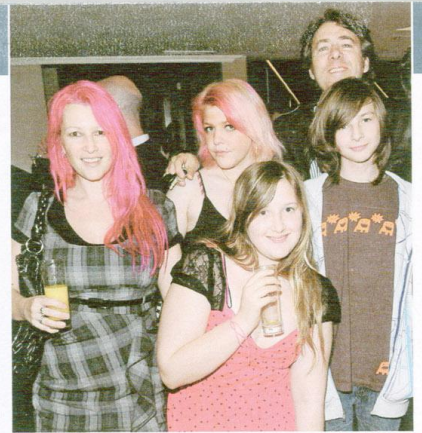


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BACK IN THE FRAME
JONATHAN ROSS
ON WHY HIS
BREAK FROM
BROADCASTING
HAS PROVED
A BLESSING

Although he has enjoyed spending more time with his wife and children (above, left to right - Jane, Betty, Honey and Harvey), the TV host is thrilled to be back presenting



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not jealous of Jane, because I am so proud of what she has achieved over the last few years.

"She is super talented. I am not sure whether any of our children will follow the same route, but if they did it would probably be my youngest, Honey. She loves *Glee* and comedy shows."

Jonathan often reveals snippets from his children's lives - on radio in January he let slip that his eldest, Betty, is gay. Asked on air how he would feel if his daughter brought a woman home, he replied: "Well, my eldest daughter is gay so that's a question I've dealt with on a regular basis already. And providing it's a nice woman, I'm thrilled."

But for the Ross family, the following media intrigue was a storm in a teacup. "She had already outed herself and described herself as gay on Twitter. I hadn't expected all the interest but if it helps others, then that is good."

Jonathan himself is one of the most popular celebrities on Twitter and he says he likes the social network because it lets him put his views across. "I enjoy being able to chat to people and let them know I am not completely mad," he laughs.

Far from it, and although he turned 50 last year, the youthful-looking presenter reveals that he has not got any hang-ups about growing older. "I haven't had any major illness," he says. "You just have to embrace it. I can still run around and play tennis. If I was 50 and unemployed, that would be depressing, but I am fortunate enough to be doing exactly what I want to do on the work front."

Fortunate seems a bit of an understatement, given his career blips. "To be honest, I am amazed and delighted I am still in TV," he concedes. "It's more down to luck than judgment."

Jonathan Ross Presents Cannes Moments is on Cinémoi (Sky Channel 343 and Virgin Media Channel 445) on 17 May at 3pm, 18 May at 1.30am and 21 May at 6pm. For more information, visit cinemoi.tv.

Jonathan Ross thinks he is a very lucky man. He might have quit the BBC more than a year ago - the infamous 2008 debacle over his and Russell Brand's answerphone messages to Andrew Sachs almost forgotten - but as he prepares for his big return to prime-time TV, Jonathan admits the break has proved to be a blessing. He's spent more time with his family - which he's loved - and says he now feels grateful he stepped off the work treadmill.

By not renegotiating his BBC contract early last year, Jonathan left not just his Friday night BBC1 chatshow, but also his Radio 2 Saturday morning programme and his late-night film show. "Of course I was emotional when the [chat]show finished but it's very easy to get stuck in a rut wherever you are. When you have spent a large chunk of your life at one place, which I had at the BBC, you can take things for granted, and so it has been nice not to have a routine."

Not that he's been sat at home with his feet up. "I have really enjoyed the fact that I can help [wife] Jane, who has been very busy, and be with my family more," says Jonathan, who has been married to screenwriter and author Jane Goldman since 1988. They have three children - Betty Kitten, 19, Harvey Kirby, 16, and Honey Kinney, 14.

"We are all incredibly close and enjoy hanging out together. I don't feel I have anything to

complain about. I have a great wife, whom I love, and three brilliant kids. I am incredibly fortunate."

Jonathan has deliberately waited until now before taking on another high-profile TV job because - he says - being famous has never been a driving force. "If it had, I'd have been back presenting shows sooner, but I have turned down a lot of offers. I am lucky enough that I don't have to worry too much."

CAMERA MAN

Jonathan is fronting some programmes this month for Cinémoi, a digital film channel that runs on Sky and Virgin. He'll also be presenting a chatshow for ITV1 this autumn, which will again see him interview celebrities in a prime-time weekend slot.

"But there will be changes," he stresses. "Understandably, ITV wants us to make it different. It's going to be fun and I can't wait. I'm really enjoying being at Cinémoi, too. It doesn't feel like work because I love films so much. I am in Cannes covering the festival, which is crazy. But I love it."

Charming and self-deprecating, Jonathan admits he feels re-energised and excited about what the future holds. But it's his wife and children who are his *raison d'être*. He is clearly proud that Jane is a successful screenwriter and thrilled to play a more hands-on role at home in London. "I am definitely

SINGER AND TV PRESENTER
SARAH HARDING
SHEDS LIGHT ON DATING IN THE DARK



Since getting engaged to DJ Tom Crane, Sarah Harding says she's become something of an agony aunt to her friends. Of course, this could be down to her new role as presenter of *Dating in the Dark*, a relationships reality show on Sky Living.

Girls Aloud singer Sarah says the idea of first dates taking place in the dark isn't as crazy as it sounds, as it reveals just how shallow people can be. "Today, everyone's really obsessed with looks, so it's great to get to know their personality first."

Not that Sarah, 29, is interested in

dating anyone but Tom. "I knew him for about six months before we got together and having that foundation of friendship really paid off. We've got the same aims for the future and it all fitted together."

Although they were introduced by friends, it was not a case of love at first sight. "He wasn't my type at all. I usually go for big, tall guys," recalls Sarah. "But personality-wise we really clicked and he made me laugh."

The pair (together, left) have been together for five years and Tom proposed during a romantic

New Year break in the Maldives. A couple of months ago they posed for **HELLO!**, showing Sarah's diamond and sapphire engagement ring for the first time, and also revealing that she had already chosen her bridesmaids, flowers, ring and dress designer.

Clearly, the former party girl is embracing her new life and loving making wedding plans. She moved to Buckinghamshire two years ago and says that these days she prefers spending cosy evenings in with Tom to nights out clubbing.

Sounds like the perfect set-up - just the kind of romantic result the hopeful *Dating in the Dark* contestants are after.

INTERVIEW: JANE DOWDESWELL

Dating in the Dark starts at 9pm on Tuesday 17 May on Sky Living HD.