

# 'I've given up booze now I'm a mum'

**Claire Sweeney on how baby Jaxon changed her life and why she wants to be a cougar...**

**C**laire Sweeney was shocked to discover she was pregnant with her first child at the age of 42 and admits the arrival of her "miracle baby" Jaxon eight months ago turned her world upside down.

The *Loose Women* panellist, now 44, is back together with Jaxon's dad Daniel Riley, 30, after they split just before she found out she was pregnant, and she confesses that her wild partying days are now well and truly behind her...

**Hi Claire! How has being a mum changed you?**

I used to be like a bull in a china shop, but I'm a lot more cautious now. I've also given up drinking.

**Are you tee-total now?**

I have a glass now and again, but it gives me a headache. I'm also breastfeeding, so I don't want it to affect Jaxon. I've had 44 years of partying and drinking, so I think I can hang up my party shoes now!

**What's the best thing about being a mum?**

The love I feel for him. It's so overwhelming. It comes from the pit of your stomach and just washes over you. I'd heard people say it before, but I never really believed it until

I actually had a child of my own.

**You're back with Jaxon's father Daniel – is this your fairytale ending?**

Jaxon is my fairytale ending! But things with Dan and me are wonderful. But we haven't considered marriage yet as the baby takes up all our time.

**Do you feel under pressure to have more babies?**

No, people can say what they want. Everyone's always got an opinion, so I just say, "Yeah, whatever!" I'm just enjoying Jaxon at the moment.

**You once said you suffer from "emotional infertility" – are you over that now?**

I left having my baby until later in life, but I don't regret it because I've had a ball. Now I'm ready to live life to the full, but in another way. I knew my fertility was good and that I had time on my hands, so I left everything to fate.

**Did you get your fertility checked then?**

Yes, I had it tested. I don't think there's anything wrong in doing that. I got it done in my mid-30s and again when I turned 40. I wanted to have every base covered.

**You've just finished your stage show *Sex In The Suburbs*. What have you got lined up next?**

I'm doing *Hairspray* on stage in August, which will be brilliant. I'd love a part in *Benidorm* too.



Claire has her hands full with Jaxon



She calls him her miracle baby

I'd love to play a cougar who preys on men after the resort cabaret closes!

**Tell us why the Family Tasting Teams campaign is important to you...**

It's important for families to have dinner together and talk to each other. One in five of us admits to not spending any time as a family in an average week. I make sure we spend time together and communicate. ■

Andy Jones

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Claire with partner Daniel

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JANET STREET-PORTER

She's my favourite, she's got a bit of spunk, hasn't she?



JAMES CORDEN

I'd love to throw a boy into the mix and he's great!



ELLEN DEGENERES

She's hilarious and outrageous.



HILARY CLINTON

Hilary is my icon, she would make a brilliant guest.