

SHARON'S DAD COMES TO WALFORD!



But is there more to him than meets the eye?

Brave Sharon prepares to meet the man she believes is her biological father this week, after Phil informs her that he's tracked down the long-lost fella!

But as Sharon comes face to face with a cantankerous stranger named Gordon, will her dreams of playing happy families with her dad turn into her worst nightmare?

"Poor Sharon is absolutely terrified when she claps eyes on Gordon for the first time," reveals our *EastEnders* insider. "It takes a lot of courage for her to knock on his door and

tell him who she is, and the reaction she gets isn't quite what she's been hoping for..."

Prior to the awkward meeting, Sharon has had about as much as she can stand of hubby Phil's dodgy dealing. In fact, fed-up Sharon tells Phil that, as soon as he's made good on his vow to find her father, their marriage is over! So the last thing Sharon expects is for Phil to later hand her an address – and explain that he's been true to his word and located the man in question.

Later that day, Phil drives Sharon round to meet her dad. However, when she catches

a glimpse of Gordon outside his house, she loses her nerve and asks Phil to take her home. That's far from the end of the story, of course, as determined Sharon later steels herself to return and confront her past. What will Gordon say when she finally tells him who she is?

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Who's this at Gordon's door? Why, it's his long-lost daughter!

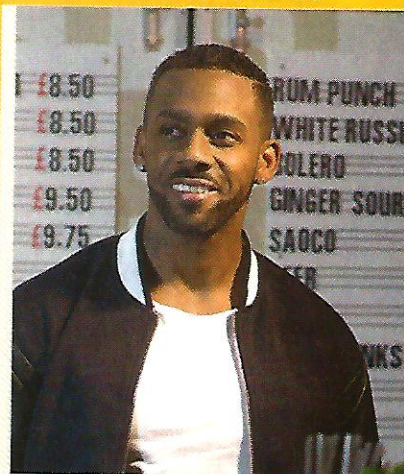
Sharon introduces Phil to her dad – and all-new drama

"Let's just say that nothing is ever straightforward for the Square's tragic princess," sighs our mole. "Sharon is a drama magnet who stumbles from one trauma to the next, and finding her father is no different."

When Sharon later returns home with Gordon in tow, Phil is left reeling. What does the future hold for them all as she introduces him to her family?

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Vincent owns The Albert!



Bad boy Vincent gets one over on the Mitchells this week, as the family is forced to surrender Sharon's bar, The Albert!

Phil makes the hasty sale in a desperate effort to get Vincent off his back, and forges Sharon's signature in order for the deal to go through. But when she gets wind of what's happened this week, Sharon is seething!

The livid landlady isn't about to take Phil's betrayal on the chin, though – hence her threat to end their marriage. But Sharon decides to go one step further, and asks Vincent if she can be his business partner...

"Sharon knows that joining forces with Vincent will be like sticking two fingers up to Phil," says our spy. "It makes sense for Vincent to accept her offer if he plans on keeping his enemies close. But will he take the bait?"

After Sharon warns Vincent that she'll go to the police about the forged signature unless he agrees, he may be left with little choice. But how will Phil react if Sharon goes to work with his rival? And what's next for ruthless Vincent as he takes one step closer to usurping Phil as the Square's top dog?

