

Abi daze

Worried that Ben isn't being straight with her - literally - Abi decides she needs to impress him in the bedroom, and when she asks Lola for some tips. Won't she realise she could buy the entire Ann Summers lingerie range and still wouldn't get his engine running? Dressed to impress, she later waits for her boyfriend at The Arches. He's not keen on getting jiggy but tries to close his eyes and think of England when he sees how upset she is. Ben brags to Jay about their encounter the following day, but his friend warns him that, if he doesn't stop searching for men, he'll put Abi in the picture. Will Ben face up to his feelings and come out of the closet?



Abi suspects she's on the wrong sex for Ben

EastEnders NEWS

Bonnie Langford (right) would like to no longer stint in the soap as Carmel Kazemi. Says the 50-year-old: 'I love the fact that my character appears to have many different levels and I like to discover those a bit more. I could have come in as a dragon or a miserable old cow, but there are a lot of things about her and that's what's so interesting.'

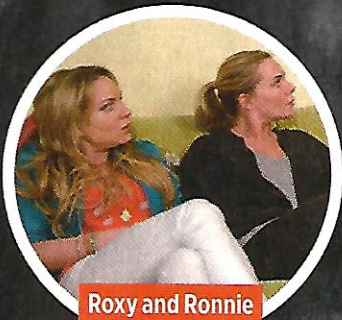


Danny Dyer (right), aka **Nick Carter**, is disappointed that *EastEnders* wasn't named Best Continuing Drama at the recent BAFTA TV awards. 'No disrespect to *Coronation Street*, because I think it's a great show, but I can't believe we didn't nick it,' he says. 'I don't know what happened.'



This week's CAST

Jonny Labey	Sharon.....	Letitia Dean
Roger Sloman	Gordon.....	Stephen Marcus
Lin Blakley	Phil.....	Steve McFadden
Ellen Thomas	Ronnie.....	Sam Womack
Danielle Harold	Roxy.....	Rita Simons
Mimi Keene	Vincent.....	Richard Blackwood
Laurie Brett	Christy.....	Wendie Jay



Roxy and Ronnie seem to wonder if it's Si or Dave

Sharon finds Gordon is more on the hairy side than she expected

Meet my dad

Sharon introduces her biological father, Gordon, to the Mitchells

We're not sure what we imagined Sharon Mitchell's biological father to be like, but we can confidently say that it wasn't this. His name's Gordon (played by *Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels* star Stephen Marcus) and he looks like the kind of bloke who spends his weekends tinkering with motorbikes while listening to Iron Maiden. No wonder Ronnie and Roxy look surprised when Shazbang introduces him to the 'faamily'.

Shazza hasn't planned on a reunion just yet, but Phil gives her the bloke's details after they've had a huge row. He has earlier stunned his wife by confessing that Vincent now owns The Albert. To add insult to injury, Sharon has then discovered that her husband forged

her signature on the contract. She tells Phil that, as soon as she's traced her birth dad, their marriage is over - prompting him to say that he's already found the mystery man.

Soon, Phil is driving an anxious Sharon to Gordon's house to meet him for the first time. She quickly asks to be taken back to Walford, where she blackmails Vincent into letting her become his business partner at The Albert. However, she then returns to Gordon's gaff on her own, and introduces herself as his long-lost daughter.

Phil and Ronnie worry that Sharon's got on the wrong side of Vincent when they're unable to find her, and are in for a shock when she returns home with Gordon in tow. Will the hairy biker be sticking around?



Phil's losing his wife... again