



SLAPHEAD: Britney

Britney's tress over hair loss

By MIKE PARKER in LA

BRITNEY Spears is in danger of becoming a baldie again – because her hair is falling out in big clumps a year after she shaved it all off.

The troubled singer has been disguising her patchy pate with wigs and extensions fitted by top Beverly Hills stylist Kim Vo. But recent photos show that even though most of her old mane is growing back, alarming bare areas remain on top of her bonce.

Medical hair and scalp experts, known as trichologists, who were shown rear-view pictures of Britney's head, believe she may have a serious condition that could leave her permanently bald.

One, Los Angeles based Dr Maurice Messler, told the *Sunday World*: "It looks like she is displaying early signs of alopecia.

Alopecia

"This can be stress-related or caused as an unforeseen consequence of hairstyling routines, such as excessively tight braiding. In some people, it can also be caused by a psychological compulsion to literally pull or tear out one's own hair."

A second specialist added: "Some medical treatments, including certain psychotropic drugs, can cause hair loss or accelerate the effects of alopecia."

Britney (26), who is under psychiatric care, is taking at least two such prescription drugs as well as pills to help her sleep. Stylist-to-the-stars Vo, who has been working with Britney four times a week to replace her existing extensions with new, technologically advanced ones, insists her locks are not a lost cause. "Her natural hair is now about five inches long."

But a stylist who has also worked with her insisted: "There are several areas where her hair doesn't seem to be growing back."

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EXCLUSIVE DAUGHTER OF CANCER VICTIM

'Dad gave all his of Prayer...they

THIS is the face of one of the elderly victims of self-proclaimed visionary Christina Gallagher and her controversial House of Prayer.

Before Tim McCarry died in December last year, aged 89, he had given the "holy" woman his life savings of €70,000.

And today his sickened daughter Bernadette Rees says: "I feel as if he was robbed. They preyed on the fact he was old and vulnerable to their suggestions.

"He was led to believe that money would make him a pathway to heaven and he gave everything he had. I think he was cheated.

"When I sent them an email saying my



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dad had died of cancer, I didn't even get a reply. They didn't even send a sympathy card which is incredible when you consider they are supposed to be a religious organisation.

Manipulated

"They knew he had cancer in hospital but never visited him even though he had been with them for years and had given them all this money. I feel very bitter towards them. They took someone who was vulnerable and manipulated him."

Over the last two months, the *Sunday World* has revealed how elderly devout

Catholics all over the country were encouraged to hand over huge amounts of money to Gallagher and the House of Prayer in Achill while she herself leads an astonishing wealthy lifestyle.

We uncovered the amazing secret €4 million palace where she lives in Dublin, an astonishing €1 million home with jacuzzis and a four-poster bed from Harrods in Newport, Co Mayo, and another €1 million mansion she bought for her daughter Mary outside Ballina.

We also revealed how she drives a top-of-the-range €110,000 7-Series BMW and buys the best of everything for her houses while she encourages elderly supporters to sell their land and homes to give to her "mission".

RTE, other national newspapers and local radio and press have all followed up our sensational stories.

Bernadette Rees told the *Sunday World* last night that her beloved dad Tim –

from Dunfanaghy in Co Donegal – was a deeply religious man and therefore "an easy mark".

He had lost his wife in the 1980s and tragically his only son had committed suicide, said mother-of-one Bernadette, who has one sister. "He was mentally very vulnerable and they took advantage of him."

Savings

She said her dad originally lived in a rented room in Achill and prayed regularly at the House of Prayer but eventually moved into a caravan in the grounds for several years. When he got cancer, he moved to a nursing home in Falcarragh.

"As well as the €70,000 in savings, he also had an English and Irish pension and we don't know what happened to that," says Bernadette. "My dad told me last summer that he had given all his money to the House of Prayer.

"At one stage he told me to ring a man



SUSPICIOUS: Main, Christina throws her hands in the air, apparently in religious ecstasy. Inset, her 'manager' Noel Guinan, seated next to Christina. Right, former supporter Mike McCarry



REVEALS HOW CULT CHURCH PREYED ON ILL PENSIONER

money to the House robbed an old man'

called Noel, the accountant at the House of Prayer, as dad had given him €2,000 for his funeral.

"I had to ring a good few times before I got him and he laughed it off saying dad was 'daydreaming', and that he had given them a small donation at the very beginning and nothing else."

Noel Guinan is in fact Christina Gallagher's 'manager' and is secretary of the parent company, Our Lady Queen of Peace House of Prayer Ltd.

The former Dublin taxi company boss is a close confidante of Gallagher, often accompanying her and can be seen sitting next to her in our party photograph.

Bernadette's story was confirmed to us last night by Michael McCrory, Gallagher's former right-hand man, who has turned completely against the so-called visionary.

The one-time devoted follower admitted it was he who encouraged Tim McCar-

ry to give the cash because he believed so strongly in Gallagher's cause at the time.

McCrory used to be Gallagher's biggest defender and was regularly wheeled out to defend her.

But he turned against her more than a year ago after discovering the extent of her secret wealth when she had no visible means of income. Gallagher has refused to say where the cash came from.

Astonishing

Mike McCrory has given the *Sunday World* an astonishing glimpse of life in the House of Prayer where Christina Gallagher rules with a rod of iron.

Anyone who crosses her, including loyal followers who may have worked there for years, are thrown out immediately.

Amazingly, he and other former followers claim Gallagher is not even spiritual. She only makes occasional visits to the House of Prayer herself and never does

the all-night vigils she expects her followers to make.

On one occasion she told her followers she was too exhausted "battling the devil" when in fact she was lying in bed eating dinner while watching TV. Another time her followers thought she was "in ecstasy" when they saw her staggering when in fact she was drunk, according to one former devotee.

Meanwhile, Christina Gallagher has promised that Our Lady will give a supernatural sign at the House of Prayer on April 26, when a novena against the "current attacks on her" comes to an end.

But former followers like Mike McCrory are not impressed. "The last time she promised something big was in July 2006. It turned out to be a miserable day and she said Our Lady told her the mist was a blessing from heaven."

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