

OPENING THE DOORS OF HER CHESHIRE MANSION...

'WE HAVE A BEAUTIFUL LIFE AND I LOVE TO SHARE IT'

'THE REAL HOUSEWIVES OF CHESHIRE' STAR **DAWN WARD** INVITES OK! TO JOIN HER AS SHE CELEBRATES HER DAUGHTER'S 18TH BIRTHDAY WITH A STAR-STUDED PARTY

When *The Real Housewives Of Cheshire* star Dawn Ward organised a lavish party for her daughter Taylor's 18th birthday, she made sure it was an evening to remember for her family and friends. Among the guests enjoying the fun spectacle were TV personality Danielle Lloyd and her electrician fiancé Michael O'Neill. Flashing her dazzling diamond engagement ring, Danielle, 32, told OK! she's had party planning on the brain herself ever since accepting Michael's proposal on Valentine's Day. 'We're busy organising our engagement party,' she said. 'We're so excited!' The former WAG also revealed that she's had a change of heart about the wedding venue. 'I won't say where, but it won't be in Claridge's,' she revealed.

The birthday girl's mum, Dawn, 42, staged the flamboyant Ibiza-themed bash at the family's multi-million pound Alderley Edge mansion, with the help of party planner Julie Arnold. The



glamorous mum of four – who's married to former Premier league footballer Ashley Ward – packed the house with stilt walkers, fire eaters and face painters. She'd even hired some muscular male models sporting angel wings and tiny sequined shorts!

'I can't believe Taylor is 18,' confessed Dawn, who's also mum to daughters Darby, Aston and Charlie. 'You never think your kids are going to grow up. It's quite sad. I'm hoping she's going to find a university round here. She's already at boarding school and, regardless of my feelings, it has done her the world of good. It has been an amazing experience for her and that's all I want for my girls. I haven't got a GCSE to my name so I'm so proud!'

The reality TV star revealed she and Ashley haven't given up hope of adding to their family. 'We're still trying for a baby,' she confided to OK!. 'But if it doesn't happen, I've got my four girls. I'm so lucky. I live a healthy lifestyle. I don't drink champagne every day and we don't go out a lot – you only see a small part of what we do as a family on the show. So if I fall pregnant I'll be over the moon, but I'm not going to obsess about it. It's been so busy juggling family, filming and my interior design business in Europe but I love being busy!'

Her close pal Danielle was looking wonderfully tanned after her 'amazing' holiday in Dubai, where she and Michael, 29, celebrated their engagement news with her three sons – Archie, five, Harry, four, and George, two – and was happy to chat about her future family plans. Having split from her boys' dad, Wolverhampton Wanderers footballer Jamie O'Hara, in 2014, she admitted she's keen to have a baby with Michael, revealing: 'He wants two kids. I want one, a girl!'

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While in sunny Dubai, Danielle and Michael hit the races with Denise Van Outen and Abbey Clancy. 'They're really nice girls. Our kids get on as well,' said Danielle. 'Of course we partied. I took my mum and dad to Dubai with me so they could babysit!'

Danielle was 16 when she first met Dawn. 'She took me under her wing,' recalled the model. 'She's wild and crazy but she's the most genuine person I've ever met. Her youngest girls are obsessed with Michael, but I don't mind – I'll share!'

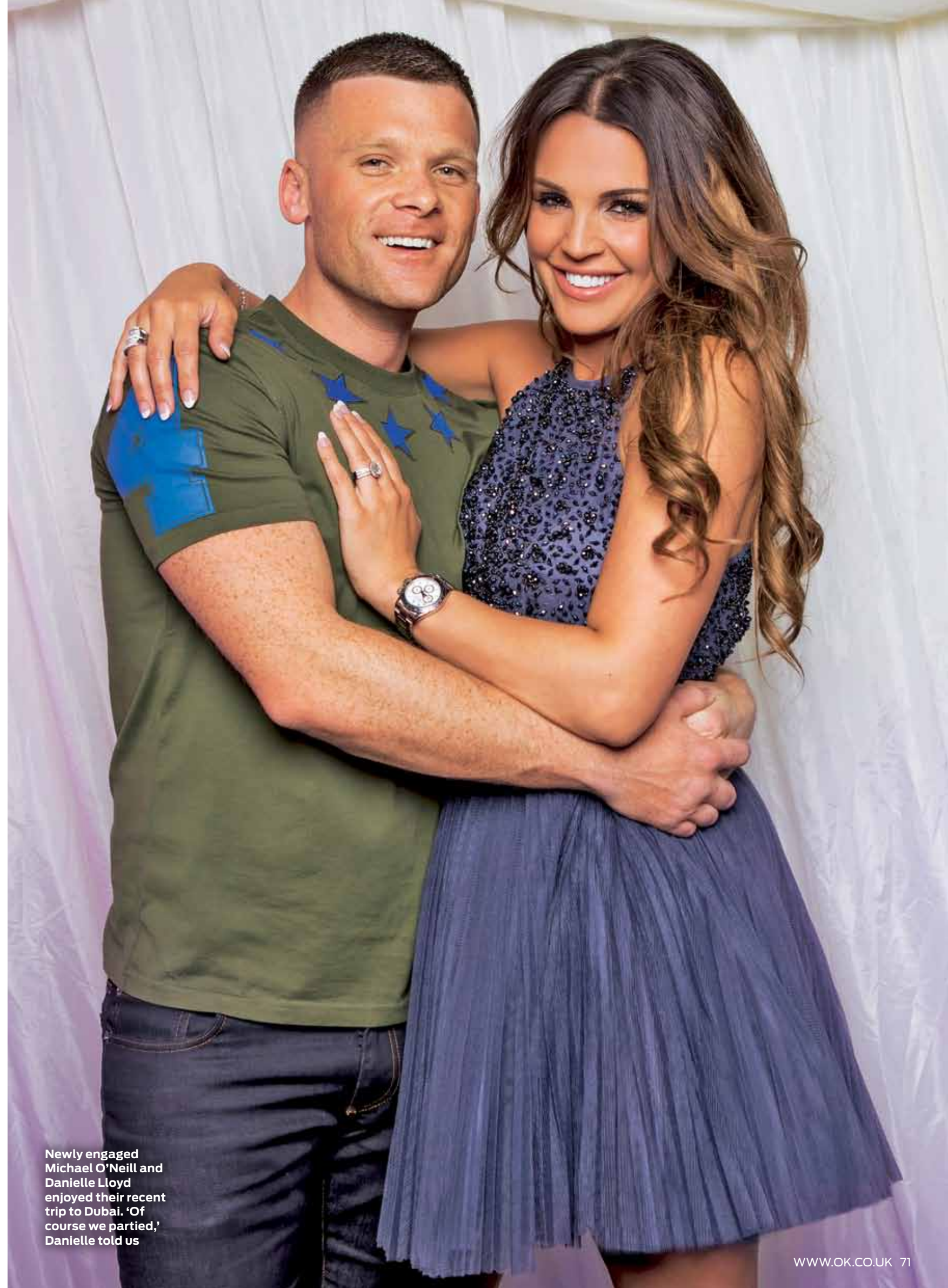
And talking about the possibilities of her venturing back into reality TV herself one day, the former *Celebrity Big Brother* contestant admitted she'd love the chance to take part in *I'm A Celebrity – Get Me Out Of Here!*. 'I'm really



Above: Dawn with birthday girl Taylor. 'I can't believe Taylor is 18, she told us. Above left: Taylor's birthday cake



Former *Celebrity Big Brother* winner James Hill and Sam Reece – ex-boyfriend of Stephanie Davis



Newly engaged Michael O'Neill and Danielle Lloyd enjoyed their recent trip to Dubai. 'Of course we partied,' Danielle told us

Dawn and Ashley with their four daughters – Aston, birthday girl Taylor, Darby and Charlie



The Real Housewives Of Cheshire stars Missé Beqiri, Stacey Forsey, Dawn Ward, Seema Malhotra, Leanne Brown and Lauren Simon

Denise also told us about her writing plans. 'I've written two autobiographies and I'd like to redo the second one, *Starting Over*. I wasn't in the right headspace but I am now, after four years sober.' The 57-year-old star met Dawn 16 years ago, telling us: 'She accosted me in a car park to do a fashion show and we've been friends ever since. Our kids used to play together. Now I see them more on the telly. They're all doing brilliantly. I can't believe Taylor is 18. It's

up for a challenge. I'll eat anything! It would make me sick, but I'd do it to win,' she said. 'But if that doesn't work out, I'll have another baby!'

Also joining in the birthday celebrations was former *Coronation Street* star Denise Welch. Having wrapped filming for her appearance in rival soap *EastEnders* playing Alison Slater, the mum of transgender character Kyle, the bubbly actress was enjoying some downtime with husband Lincoln Townley. 'I'm only doing a very short stint and then we'll see what happens,' she said of her *EastEnders* role. 'But I have lots of friends there – Bonnie Langford, Leon Lopez, Danny Dyer and Sam Womack – so I got a lovely welcome.'

my son Matthew's birthday today. He's 27 but he's on tour in Berlin, with his band [The 1975].'

Other party-goers included *Celebrity Big Brother* winner and former star of *The Apprentice* James Hill, who recently starred on stage as Prince Charming in *Snow White*, and who was keen to dismiss the rumours that he's been dating former *TOWIE* beauty Jessica Wright. 'She's a friend and that's it,' he said. 'We're both still single. I'm looking for someone – who might be here tonight,' said James, 28. Talking about his ideal woman, he revealed: 'I don't have a type, just someone I could have a laugh with. She doesn't have to be the most beautiful girl in the world. Looks only fulfil you for so long. To be honest, I'm so busy with my business ventures at the minute so I'm not too worried about finding The One – my time will come.' James was partying with top model Sam Reece, who's also enjoying the bachelor lifestyle after his split from *Celebrity Big Brother* runner-up Stephanie Davis. 'I'm loving being single and I'm so much happier now,' Sam, 23, told OK!. 'I'm not looking for



Above: Taylor's party held at the family home (below). Below right: Cheers Taylor!



anything for now but my perfect girl would be independent, ambitious, with her own career, but someone who doesn't take herself too seriously. That's hard to find.'

The final word had to come from hostess Dawn, who was brimming with pride for her lovely family. Sharing her plans to carry on with *The Real Housewives Of Cheshire*, she said: 'If there's ever a time when my family say we shouldn't be doing the show, then I'll stop. But for now, they really get into it. I'm like Marmite but I can't believe what positive feedback I've had. I'm very proud of all the Wards. We have a beautiful life and I love to share it.' **OK!**



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Above: Lincoln Townley and Denise Welch. Left: Tanya Bardsley, Danielle Lloyd and Lauren Simon. Right: The birthday girl's second cake!

