

# NO FREE TENORS FOR KIDS

**Russell Watson has told his kids to work hard – because he won't allow them to sponge off his fortune.**



## HARD WORK Watson

The People's Tenor and former working men's club singer is determined his daughters Rebecca, 21, and Hannah, 15, learn to stand on their own two feet, just as he did.

"I spoil them but I've always told them they have to work hard to achieve something in life," he said.

"Nothing comes free and I'm not giving handouts if they're sat on their backsides all day vegetating on a couch watching TV."

Russell, 51, the UK's

best-selling classical crossover artist – who has overcome two brain tumours – has been pushing Hannah to revise hard for her GCSEs.

Rebecca now works for him, selling merchandise during his tours.

He said: "I am driven and I desperately want Hannah to succeed too. I keep trying to imprint the importance of her academic status."

## Corden to stay Late

James Corden is set for a £15million deal to stay on US TV for at least another four years.

The comic, 39, has told CBS boss Les Moonves that he will extend his contract as host of the channel's The Late Late Show.

The star has gained a huge US following thanks to segments such as Carpool Karaoke.

## N-word boss fired

Netflix yesterday sacked one of their bosses for using the N-word in meetings with colleagues.

Jonathan Friedland – the streaming giants' communications chief – is said to have used the offensive language at least twice in front of staff.

Netflix said he had shown a "deep lack of understanding".

# SINGER'S NEW MEMOIR REVEALS

## Jenny Morrison

### Musician Colin MacIntyre isn't easily star-struck.

But as he scrolls through the contacts listed in his phone, the sight of snooker legend Alex Higgins's number still sends shivers down his spine.

The Mull Historical Society frontman, who has toured with bands including REM, Elbow and The Strokes, is the brother of Radio Scotland's Sportsound presenter Kenny MacIntyre.

And if the two brothers' own list of famous friends and career contacts wasn't impressive enough, their late father – also called Kenny – was a BBC political correspondent who crossed paths with the likes of Margaret Thatcher, Tony Blair, Donald Dewar and Gordon Brown.

But singer Colin, 47, revealed it is the number of his childhood sporting hero Alex "Hurricane" Higgins that he will never delete from his phone – even though the star died eight years ago.

Colin, who has just written a memoir paying tribute to the people who inspired him most in life, said:



**START** Colin in 2002. Below, Kenny jnr



"Growing up, there were a lot of amazing people who influenced me – and Higgins, my favourite sportsman of all time, was definitely one of them. He had so much charisma.

"When I released my first single, it did very well. I decided that for my second single I would like to have a photo of Hurricane Higgins on the cover.

"I'd had his poster on my ceiling as a boy. "I watched him win the 1982 World Snooker Championships against all the odds, and in a cloud of cigarette smoke and a gust of vodka and orange.

"As the crowd roared, he repeatedly beckoned his wife and baby daughter to join him at the table.

"He was crying, and anyone who has seen the photo taken at the time will know it was a powerful sporting moment and a very human one."

Colin revealed: "My record label managed to get hold of his number and I remember calling him up, telling him I was a huge fan and asking for his permission to use the picture.

"When he answered the phone, he was in a bookies – and while he was perfectly civil, I could hardly hear him. He asked me to call him back in 10 minutes, by which time he had found a quiet pub.

"He told me, 'Mr MacIntyre, that is a very important photograph', then he went on to ask me for £2000 – which was more money than the entire recording and video had cost.

"The value of the photo kept going up the longer we spoke, and in the end I had to admit defeat.

"He died a few years later and I



**PROUD OF HIS ROOTS** Colin MacIntyre. Top, Higgins celebrates win. Above, Colin with David Byrne

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can't bring myself to delete his number, even though he's gone."

Colin, who grew up on the Isle of Mull, has won awards in twin careers as a musician and as a novelist.

His first single, Barcode Bypass, was named by music magazine NME as their debut single of the year in 2000. He has released eight albums, achieved four Top 40 singles and performed live on BBC Radio 1, Radio 2, Later with Jools Holland and The Jonathan Ross Show.

In 2015, his debut novel, The Letters of Ivor Punch, won the Edinburgh International Book Festival's First Book Award.

Now he has written a memoir, The Boy In The Bubble, as part of publishers Weidenfeld and Nicolson's

Hometown Tales series of books celebrating regional talent.

He hopes his story about growing up in Tobermory, and the characters who helped shape both his music and writing careers, will inspire other young Scots to achieve their dreams.

Colin, who started using a different spelling of his surname while at school, said: "There were many writers and poets in my family, including my grandfather and my uncle Lorn MacIntyre.

"I don't know if having that tradition, or even my dad's career, made it easier to believe that whatever you put your mind to could be possible. But I know I have been lucky too."

Dad-of-two Colin, who is

## Departures

Time	Flight	Gate	Destination	Comments
0700	AB2563	A1	Kefalonia	On Time
0930	CD5678	C3	Bodrum	On Time
<b>LADS' HOLIDAY - GROUNDED - TOO DRUNK TO FLY</b>				
1020	LP2300	B3	Guernsey	On Time
1030	DM8877	C2	Halkidiki	On Time
<b>DREAM HOLIDAY - RUINED - DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOUR</b>				
1100	TS7300	A2	Kos	On Time
1115	KM7788	B1	Munich	On Time
1130	AM2200	A3	Tunisia	On Time
<b>HEN WEEKEND - CANCELLED - ABUSIVE BEHAVIOUR</b>				
1155	DP5300	A4	Frankfurt	On Time
1200	PB7689	B1	London	On Time

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