

# MY JOY, BY SEX CHANGE DOCTOR

**SEX-CHANGE** doctor Jerri Bean has spoken for the first time of her amazing new life as a woman.

The 6ft 5in father of three told how, under her new identity, she

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is still living with her family.

She revealed how the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, helped her through her incredible transition.

And she talked of her battle to stay in a seaside town as a respected family GP.

Former amateur racing driver Jerri, 42, wore a white blouse, printed cotton skirt and high-heeled sandals as she told how, as Dr Jerome Bean, she had secretly yearned to be a woman.

"It started very young, but I suppressed it for years and years," she said.

Finally, the slim, grey-eyed doctor decided to have a sex-change operation.

At first, the decision caused tremendous problems with his wife, Jennifer, and the children, aged 18, 13 and eight.

## Invited back

Dr Bean, of Broadstairs, Kent, said: "We agreed mutually that I should move out, and I went to stay with friends.

"Later, my family invited me back. That was a very joyful time. Now the family unit is as close as any."

*Dr Bean became deeply religious after her operation. Using her new name, Jerri Nicole, she was confirmed by Dr Runcie at St Peter's Church, Broadstairs.*

"The situation was



**Dr Bean—stunned patients**

explained to Dr Runcie and he was super," she said.

Now she is concentrating on a GP practice shared with three partners at Broadstairs medical centre.

Patients were astonished when she first sat behind her desk in women's clothes. One said: "She's a marvellous doctor and very brave to stay here."

## STOUT MOVE

LANDLORD Stuart Pakes, 55, has removed Guinness and Irish whiskey from his pub, The Crown, at Snape, Suffolk, in protest at IRA terrorism.