

THE truth about the stunning blonde companion of leading Tory Freddie May has been revealed ... she was born a man.

The 31-year-old beauty changed her name from Thomas to Claire Smalley after a sex-change operation. Freddie, 65, had known Claire for 12

> years before he died. He took her canvassing at the last General Election and was the envy of many when the couple were seen holding hands and canoodling over candlelight dinners. Claire (statistics 36-24-38) often stayed at the

But whether the fatherof-two knew the truth is a secret he took to his grave.

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Tory MP Mike Lord's wife Jenny said: "I can't believe it. We had a woman-to-woman conversation in the rain as we delivered leaflets."

Claire once appeared as a woman at the Old Bailey for stealing skirts and was remanded to Holloway women's prison. She was unavailable for comment at her home Bedford home of Freddie. in Farnham, Surrey.