STAR CAME FACE-TO-FACE WITH ESCAPED MENTAL PATIENT...IN HIS OWN KITCHEN

By GRAEME DONOHOE

BRITPOP legend Noel Gallagher has told of the terrifying moment he was confronted by an escaped mentally ill patient — who broke into his KITCHEN.

The former Oasis star tried to calm the man down before one of his pals got him in a headlock while they waited for cops to arrive.

Noel revealed the 1998 incident during an interview with the new issue of Loaded – in which he also did a question and answer session with Trainspotting author and old pal Irvine Welsh.

The High Flying Birds front-man said: "I'd been out, came home and there was a guy sat in the kitchen. People were freaking out so I went into the kitchen very calmly and said 'Alright?'.

"He said very calmly back, 'You know why I'm here'. I was like, 'Erm, really? Why's that then?'. I said to my mate, 'Oi, phone the police'.

"I was living in this house that had this driveway that was really f*****g long. My mate, who is a black guy, goes off to call the police.

"Meanwhile I'm keeping this guy talking, who is obviously pretty manic.

"So I say to the guy, 'I've got to go to the toilet, I'll be back in a minute'.

"I've gone down to the gate to wait for the police as they can't find the house.

"At this point this guy has tried to make a run for it and my mate has got this guy in a f*****g headlock so the police rear up the driveway and try to arrest the black guy.

"So I'm like, 'Not f*****g him! What're you doing?' They said, 'Oh sorry'. Unbelievable."

Noel added: "He had left a mental hospital. Apparently, he said he knew me.

"The guy who killed John Lennon said he knew him too, but you can't live your life worrying about that kind of stuff."

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The 47-year-old – married to Sara Macdonald – is celebrating his High Flying Birds album Chasing Yesterday hitting No1 earlier this month.

He's headlining T In The Park in July – but reckons his wild-man days are behind him.

He admitted: "Me and my wife go out and have a good time – but not like I used to.

"The worst thing for me about getting older are the hangovers. They last for three or four days.

"I haven't got the stamina for the three days at Glastonbury any more, although I did that last year, and it was f*****g horrific.

"On the third day I get a bad back and all the rest of it but on the whole I think I'm doing alright."

Twice-married Noel met Edinburgh-born wife Sara in an Ibiza nightclub in 2000. They tied the knot in 2011 and now have two sons, Donovan and Sonny. The superstar revealed he was scared to tell Sara how much money he'd blown setting up his own record label, Sour Mash Records.

He said: "Everything I've done since I left Oasis has come from my own pocket. You've got to pay for the tour, got to pay for the wages and you don't really break even for about nine months.

"I don't mean I lost money. I mean I lost a f*****g s***load of money. It was a few million, like. I had to lie to Sara at first, and when I eventually did tell her, she freaked out – I mean really freaked out.

"So I come out with, 'You know, a year ago, this happened and she was like, 'What the f*****g hell did you do that for?'

"I said, 'I did it because I felt like I could and I didn't want to be signed to a record label. I wanted to do it myself'. Luckily enough, it's worked out."

But Noel admits there are some times he's not bothered about upsetting his wife. He said: "Never, ever, ever wear anything that your missus buys you. It's a sign of weakness and it's the end. It's the end of humanity.

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"My missus is an impeccable dresser, it's one of the first things I noticed about her. She wears it well and all that.

"But everything she's ever bought me, I'm like 'Really?' I say, 'What were you thinking?' and she says, 'I think it would suit you', and I'm like 'REALLY? I don't f*****g think so.' So, do not ever let your missus dress you. Ever."

Noel's still non-committal about an Oasis reunion with his brother Liam.

But fans will be stunned to hear he fancies doing a track with his one-time nemesis, Blur frontman Damon Albarn.

The Manchester City fan once declared: "I don't think there's anything that c*** could say that would redeem him in my eyes."

But the pair ended a 20-year feud in 2013 when they appeared on stage together at a Teenage Cancer Trust charity gig and Noel says: "I'd be amazed if our diaries could ever synchronise but I'd love to do it.

"But an album? Let's start off with a track, eh?"

He might be mellowing a little as he gets older but he confessed he still gets wound up by rude fans.

He said: "Some people are so f*****g rude. This just happened the other day.

"Some f*****g Cockney d*** second-hand car salesman said to me as I'm waiting for a taxi, 'Excuse me mate, can you get a picture with my lad?'.

'He was lucky my wife wasn't there that day'

"So he shouts to his wife and some little kid comes out dressed exactly the same as his dad.

Well, this lad didn't have a f*****g clue who I was.

"Anyway, I put my arm around him and he takes the picture and as the guy is walking off he's looking at the picture and says, 'Yeah, you might want to try f*****g smiling next time'.

"I couldn't quite hear what he said but there was another guy walking past and HE said, "That's so f*****g rude!' So I shout after him, 'Oi! What did you say!?'

"But he carries on walking. He was lucky my wife wasn't there that day. I'd have put him on his fat f*****g a***. D***."

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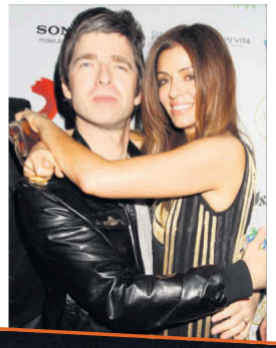

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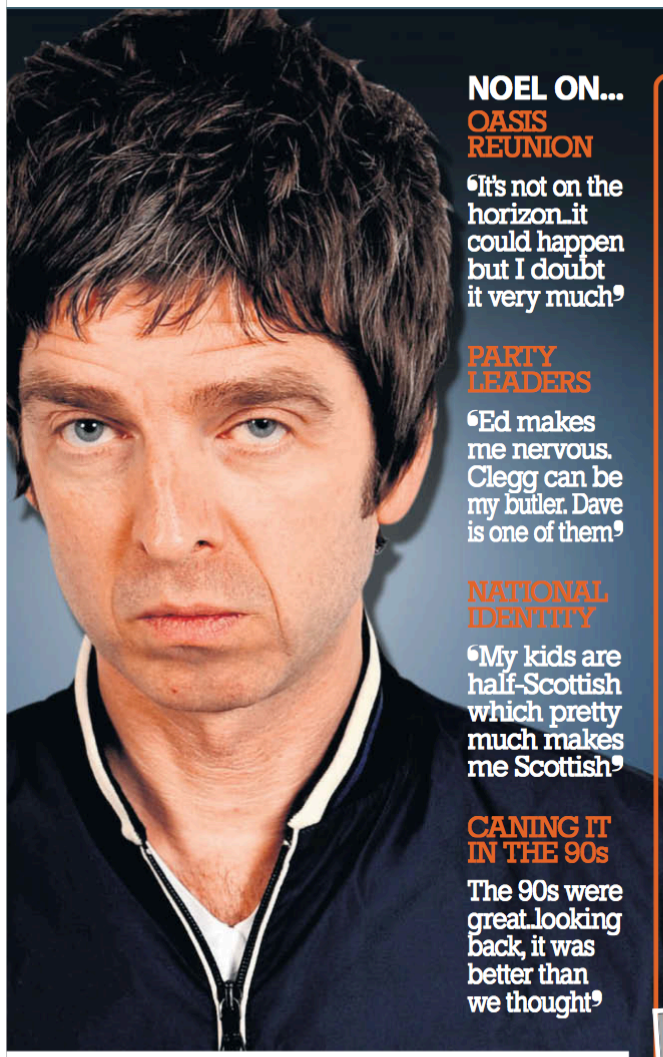

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NOEL was quizzed by author Irvine Welsh for Loaded nearly 20 years ago — and in the new issue, the Trainspotting author interviews the rocker once again . . .

IRVINE WELSH: In politics — Rusty's revolution or Dave/Nick/Ed's austerity?

NOEL GALLAGHER: Ed Miliband can go f*** himself. As can f*****g Nick Clegg, as can Dave. Miliband, honestly, when I look at that guy, I would be quite nervous if he was running the country.

I think he was put there by his party and his party are communists. I dunno, I don't get the Labour party at the minute.

If Nick Clegg wants to become my butler, well he can do.

Dave, he's just a Bullingdon boy isn't he? He's not one of us, he's one of them.

And Russell's revolution? Hardly a viable option is it? I think I might vote for the most ludicrous thing on the ballot paper. I don't know what that might be but it was a pirate last time.

IRVINE: Do you think an independent Scotland would grant you citizenship? And would they let me back in?

NOEL: Yes, of course. I have honorary citizenship. My kids are half-Scottish and my wife is Scottish, which pretty much makes me Scottish. Oasis was signed in Scotland, so yeah, they'd f*****g love me.

IRVINE: Mediocrity on The Kippax and a curry with a few pints down Hulme, or trophies at the Etihad with a prawn sandwich?

NOEL: Ha! I could have trophies at the Etihad with a curry and a few pints. I've never had a prawn sandwich, it doesn't really sound that appetizing. Although I have been in a box with prawn sandwiches in.

IRVINE: What about reforming Oasis with Bonehead and Tony and Co, but finding a new lead singer? That mischievous thought must have crossed your mind.

NOEL: Yeah, the Oasis thing. I don't know, it's just not on the horizon. But then saying that, neither was going solo. I might find it difficult to be on stage again with someone who tried to sue me. It could happen. I doubt it very much, but it could do.

IRVINE: I hear a lot about how plebs like you and I struggle to make their way in the 'creative industries' these days. What's your take on that?

NG: I don't know what it's like these days. When we were all running around being mad in the 90s I never gave class a second thought. I was just meeting people from the same background as me. I was lucky to come through in the 90s and I was lucky to have a patron like McGee who took us under his wing and sent us on our way.

It was a different decade and it was f*****g great. I thought the 90s was great at the time. Looking back at it now, man, it was better than we all thought it was.

IRVINE: I find it hard to get intoxicated these days. I just get tired and want to go to bed after a few drinks. Will there be a new wonder drug that will come along and rescue me?

NOEL: Haha. Yeah, but you live in America. I would find it hard to get intoxicated in America too. If you have two drinks in the afternoon, they think you're an alcoholic.

IRVINE: Have you been to see Fifty Shades?

NG: I don't know. Is he a rapper? No, it's not for me. I'm aware of the book and the phenomenon but I have it on good authority from my wife it's a bag of s***e. I thought there was a rapper called 50 Shades? I'd rather go see him.

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