

# CALL ME JANET

## says sex change father of eight

**B**URLY lorry driver Peter Brown has told his eight children: "Call me Janet."

The 51-year-old former soldier has also amazed his neighbours by walking down the street dressed in skirts and blouses.

Now Peter's astonishing transformation is almost complete. He is developing

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breasts by taking hormone tablets and he is waiting for a full sex-change operation.

The six-footer has divorced his German wife Erica after 23 years' marriage—but they still live happily together in Luton, Bedfordshire.

She explained: "We divorced because that's the only way doctors will con-

sider a sex-swap operation for my husband."

Peter—or Janet—wore a short blonde wig, pink floral blouse and navy blue skirt as he told of his decision to become a woman.

"This is not a sordid story although I would admit some people find me odd," he said.

"Some of my neighbours on the estate have been wonderful, but a few have been spiteful."

"I dress like this because I really feel I am a woman—not to cause shock or sensation."

He told how, as a school-boy, he secretly played with girls and sometimes dressed up in their clothes.

"I had to be very careful because in those days that sort of behaviour was not tolerated," he said.

"How I wish I had grown up today when pop singers like Boy George and Mari-



**Happily unmarried—Peter, left, and Erica**

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lyn can walk around as they like."

Later, as a handsome young gunner in the Royal Artillery, he had "plenty of girlfriends" but still secretly dressed as a woman.

Then came Erica. They courted for three years before marrying and starting their large family.

She said: "I was shocked when I first discovered some women's clothing belonging to Peter. But I've become used to the idea

now. "He likes me and the children to call him Janet. I've tried my best, but I still call him My Man behind his back."

One problem I've been

work. Peter, who has a Heavy Goods Vehicle licence, finds he can't get a driver's job since changing his name and wearing women's clothes openly."