



STUBBORN Robin

Robin delayed scan to play gig

Bee Gee Robin Gibb refused to visit doctors for vital scans that could have detected his illness because he wanted to go on tour.

Gibb, 62, died in May after a long battle with colon and liver cancer.

His widow Dwina, 59, said yesterday that the legendary star initially ignored her pleas and doctors' advice to have the cancerous cells fully checked.

Robin's illness was first discovered in October 2010 after surgeons removed an intestinal blockage.

He was supposed to have regular checks but Dwina said she and her son Robin John, 29, were unable to persuade him to drop his musical commitments.

She said: "He didn't want to stop though I said, 'Please just have the scan.'"

"Despite all his wonderful ways, Robin could be very stubborn and he never liked bad news – he just didn't want to know."

"He went to do a show in New Zealand as they'd just experienced an earthquake.

"Maybe it was important for him to do that show, but it was still important for him to have his scans."

The songwriter toured for more than a fortnight during November 2010.

By the time he went in for a check-up, the tumour had spread to blood vessels.

Dwina said his last days were cherished by his family.

She added: "We ended up having a wonderful few weeks with him."

Laird left £3m in will

A laird who devoted himself to protecting the natural beauty of his Highland estate has left £3.37million in his will.

Army officer Ewen Scobie, 60, who campaigned against fish farms and pylons, died from a brain tumour last year.

The dad-of-three left Rhidorroch easte, near Ullapool, Ross-shire, to his wife Jenny.

£126m coke raid

A ship carrying three tonnes of cocaine, worth £126million, has been seized in a raid by police 50 miles off the Spanish coast. More than 30 gang members have been arrested.

EXCLUSIVE STAR REVEALS SECRET HERO

Paolo I'm sweet on Sugarmen

SWEET MUSIC Rodriguez in his hey-day, right, and today aged 70

Singer hails long-lost musician as inspiration

Paolo Nutini has hailed a long-forgotten musician as a secret inspiration.

The Paisley-born star reveals he is a huge fan of Sixto Rodriguez, who is making a comeback thanks to hit movie Searching for Sugar Man.

The film tells the story of the singer-songwriter whose work went unrecognised in his native US but made him a huge star in South Africa in the 1970s.

Paolo, 25, has been a fan for years – and was blown away when he heard Rodriguez sing his hit Last Request.

He said: "I don't know how it happened but through some divine intervention it did."

"Basically every person I spoke to about music, the second thing I would say would be about Rodriguez."

"Somehow that seemed to get back to him and we hung out a few times."

"Then a DVD appeared in the

EXCLUSIVE

■ Mickey McMonagle

post one day. It was from his manager and had a note saying, 'You'll like this.'

"It was him sitting on a train, looking out the window, playing an acoustic guitar and singing Last Request. It was such a trip."

"Then in London last month he did a few songs at this wee private members' club and asked if I'd like to sing with him."

Paolo is thrilled Rodriguez, now 70, is finally getting the recognition his music deserves, thanks to the Sugar Man film.

But he admits he's baffled that it took so long for the music world to catch on.

He said: "The man is incredible, he really has heart. Everything about his music is amazing and really speaks to me."

"The beauty of it is the mystery of the man. In his own movie it takes about 50 minutes for him to appear."

"That is a testament to what is missing now, that sense of mystery."

"People can't make up their own minds because there is so much exposure."

Now read the Paolo's only newspaper interview this year in Seven Nights. With exclusive pictures by La Skimal



MOVING Winslet

£19k is a Titanic rent

Kate Winslet is renting out her former family home in New York – for £19,000 a month.

The two-storey apartment, in the arty Chelsea area, was part of her settlement when she split from second husband, director Sam Mendes, in 2010.

The couple bought the four-bed home in Manhattan for

£3.2million eight years ago. Titanic star Kate, 36, lived there for a while after they split with her children – Joe, eight, and 11-year-old Mia, but neighbours say she has not been seen in the area for a while.

She is believed to have bought a £2million cottage in the Sussex Downs.



TEASED Sheena

I was panned by Prince

Sheena Easton has revealed that music superstar Prince made fun of her efforts at songwriting.

The Bellshill-born singer worked closely with Prince in the 1980s and they duetted on the hit U Got The Look.

Sheena said: "I'd be walking around with a little notepad, writing down ideas and notes."

He'd always grab it out of my hand and ruthlessly make fun of me saying, 'That's c**p' or 'That verse sucked.'

"Then, all my songs were little stories. He used to think they were amusing – even if no one else did."

"We ended up writing a few things that way."