



Cressy and her sister Pandora, or 'Baba', as she is known



Posh girls believe in dog



Cressy, two friends, three hats and a tongue

EVERYTHING YOU EVER *wanted to know about* CRESSIDA BONAS...

And didn't dare ask. We have been rigorous and unflinching in our investigations and can exclusively reveal (among other things) that Cressy hates *Dirty Dancing*, she only drinks rum and Harry is her first ginger. By the indefatigable Patience Brown



'Harry and me in disguise – we love fooling the paparazzi'



Fly, my pretty



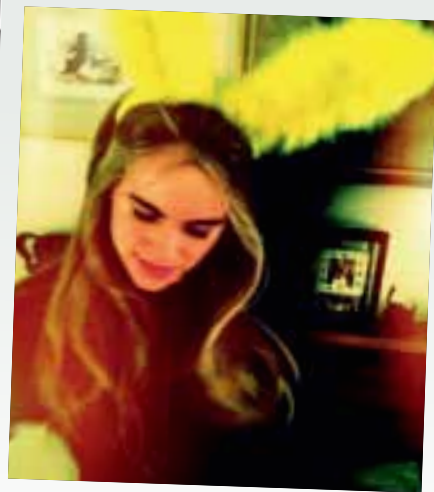
'Either I'm freakishly small or this swing is really big'



With Prince Harry on the slopes of Verbier



Cressy and her pal Tess Shepherd. Party time



The ancestral bunny ears



Cressy and her mother Mary-Gaye



With her brother Jacobi and her sister Isabella at Red Indian camp



'I can do interpretive dance anywhere'



Well, hello



'I can do the moonwalk too'

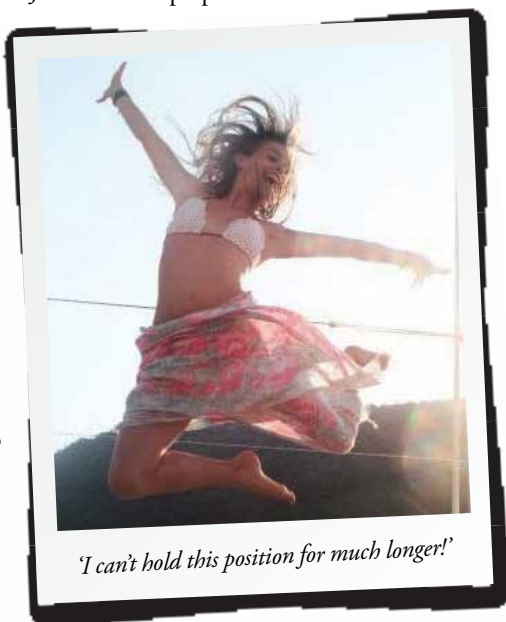


With her half-sisters Georgiana and Isabella, and a lot of scarves

1 Her family love a nickname. Cressida, 24, is nicknamed Cressy, Smalls or Smally, because she's the youngest of her large brood of siblings from her mother, sparky Sixties heartbreaker Lady Mary-Gaye Curzon. There's Pandora (the oldest of the lot at 40 and nicknamed Baba), who's Cressy's half-sister from her mother's first marriage to the late Esmond Cooper-Key. Then there's Georgiana, Isabella and Jacobi, three half-siblings from Mary-Gaye's second marriage to businessman John Anstruther-Gough-Calthorpe. Georgiana, or Giana, is 34, an artist and married to hedgefunder Robert Butler. Isabella – Bellie – is a 33-year-old actress and married to Sam Branson. And Jacobi, 30, is nicknamed Cozy and works in finance, although he is often also referred to as a 'man about town', being single, social and as pretty as his sisters. Then there's 24-year-old actress Gabriella Wilde, or Bumpy (she was called Bumble Bee as a child), who's not related to Cressy by blood, but is half-sister to Georgiana, Isabella and Jacobi. *Do keep up at the back.*

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She landed a sports scholarship to Prior Park College, a boarding school in Bath, before going to Stowe. These days tennis is her number one sport. Take that, Pippa Middleton.



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CRESSY'S FAVOURITE THING IS WICKY BICCIE CHOCOLATE CAKE FROM THE HUMBLE PIE DELI IN BURNHAM MARKET – NEAR HER FATHER JEFFREY'S HOUSE IN KING'S LYNN.

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She hasn't always been into gingers. She dated towering blond god Harry Wentworth-Stanley, son of Nick Wentworth-Stanley and Clare, the Marchioness of Milford Haven, while she was studying at Leeds University.



Wow, that was one angry bird!

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At Stowe (she was in Nugent house), she had a particularly handy bedroom window that smokers would crawl through to fag away on the roof.

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Cressy's second favourite thing is smelly candles. She keeps a profusion of them on her bedside table. But she is aware of the fire risk.

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HER MOTTO? 'TREAT OTHERS HOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE TREATED.'

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If you are drinking with Cressy, offer to buy her a rum, straight up. That's how she rolls. Hard.



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THE WEST WING IS HER FAVOURITE BOX SET AND HER FAVOURITE ACTOR IS SEAN PENN. SHE HATES THE FILM DIRTY DANCING.

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She first got together with Harry at the ridiculously eligible landed and loaded Human Caterpillar member (see 18) Arthur Landon's Valley festival in May last year. Princess Eugenie, Cressy's pal, was cupid-in-chief. Harry went to Afghanistan for his second tour of duty four months later, but he's said to have called Cressy more often than he called his father.

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Cressy's mother caused a minor kerfuffle in the Sixties by posing naked streaked in engine oil for a coffee-table book called Birds of Britain. It was a reference – sort of – to the family's motoring past. Mary-Gaye's grandfather Francis, the 5th Earl Howe, was a racing driver.



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13 HER WORST HABIT IS DAYDREAMING WHEN SHE SHOULDN'T BE. WHICH ISN'T SO BAD.

14 She dances. She sings. At sister Isabella's wedding to Sam Branson in South Africa in March, Cressy serenaded her with George Gershwin's 'Love Is Here to Stay'. Isabella burst into tears and buried her head under the table.

15 She's into folksy bands like Passenger and Mumford and Sons. And her half-sister Gabriella is expecting a baby with her fiancé, husky singer-songwriter Alan Pownall, so there is a whole homespun guitar thing going on.



Cressy's *Hiawatha* period

16 SHE IS OBSESSED WITH FANCY DRESS, FACE PAINT AND DECORATING HERSELF WITH GLITTER. ALL AT THE SAME TIME. MAKES A BIT OF A MESS OF THE CARPET, THOUGH.

17 She studied dance at Leeds University (where she got a 2:1), and continued at the edgy Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance in Greenwich, which she graduated from this summer, and is now on the hunt for a job 'anywhere in theatre'.

18 Cressy's a world-record breaker: in 2010 she ran the London Marathon as part of a 'human caterpillar'. The gang won the record for 'most people to finish a marathon while tied together', along with Princess Beatrice and 28 others.



19 She clinched an A in drama A-level (plus a B in English literature and a C in sports science) and played Cockney housekeeper Mrs Swabb in Alan Bennett's *Habemus Corpus*, flirty Miss Julie in August Strindberg's eponymous play and lonely Laura in Tennessee Williams's *The Glass Menagerie* at school. Her favourite play is Jean-Paul Sartre's *No Exit*. Deep.

20 On her gap year in 2012, she spent six months in Sydney with her best friend, Heathfield girl Georgia Forbes, working in a bar called Mrs Sippy, doling out truffle salami and roast garlic pizzas. Although soon after starting, Cressy was told she 'couldn't balance' four plates properly and was relegated to behind the bar instead.



AND ACCORDING TO SHELLEY VON STRUNCKEL'S CRYSTAL BALL...

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Being born rich and beautiful may have brought Cressida Bonas advantages. Yet her chart's complex. With three planets in the bright and rather detached air sign, Aquarius, she's a free spirit. Yet with five in sensual earth signs, she's at home around power and influence. The resulting confidence means that, to her, Harry isn't much of a catch.

And she's stubborn. While inquisitive, Aquarians are also creatures of habit, if not resistant to change. Between now and late 2014, tough Saturn confronts Cressida's rigid views and habits, personally and in close relationships. This will be telling, especially since Harry's chart reveals an easygoing Virgo, adaptable to both military regime and royal protocol. The link between him and Cressida? They both have four planets in sensual earth signs. So yes, for now, it's about good times.

Will it last? The test comes between late 2013 and mid-2014, when sensible Saturn forces fantasy to confront reality.

What a load of nonsense

