

THE TIME IN MY LIFE
I WAS HAPPIEST

"Winning Best Comedy Performance at the 2007 Soap Awards. I cried. I'd only been playing Carmel for under a year. It felt like such an achievement and that my hard work had been noticed."



Gemma out shopping with Sam Faiers

MY LATEST
SPLURGE

"I bought five dresses, a pair of shoes and a shrug from Minnie's Boutique in Brentwood, Essex – the shop run by Sam and Billie Faiers from *TOWIE*. I spent about £300 in total."



Gemma Merna

my FABULOUS life

The *Hollyoaks* actress, 27, talks FAB FROCKS and SPAGHETTI on toast



MY MOST
FABULOUS
OUTFIT

"A long, green Halston Heritage dress I wore to the opening of my friend's shop, The Closet, last April. The label was all the rage as *Sex And The City 2* was about to come out and Sarah Jessica Parker was creative director of the line – she was also wearing lots of their dresses. I felt perfect."

THE SONG
THAT
MAKES
ME CRY

"Someone Like You by Adele. She's such a talent – a truly fantastic artist."



THE SMELL THAT
MAKES ME FEEL LIKE
A KID AGAIN

"Talcum powder. It reminds me of bath time with my mum."

MY MIRACLE BEAUTY BUY

"Soap & Glory The Righteous Butter Body Butter, £10.21, is great for dry skin. I also love Dermalogica Soothing Eye Make-up Remover, £16.99. It removes my fake lashes without pulling at my real ones. And Lucas' Papaw Ointment, £12, is always in my bag – it stops my lips peeling."



MY HANGOVER CURE

"Spaghetti on toast with grated cheese every time! My mum used to make it for me when I was ill."

● Gemma is in *Hollyoaks*, Monday-Friday, 6.30pm, Channel 4