

## Frampton: Nerve disorder will end my guitar playing

By News Reporter

ROCK legend Peter Frampton has revealed he has a life-changing muscle disorder that will end his guitar-playing career. Frampton, who played with Humble Pie and has worked with Ringo Starr and David Bowie, will start a farewell tour of the US next month.

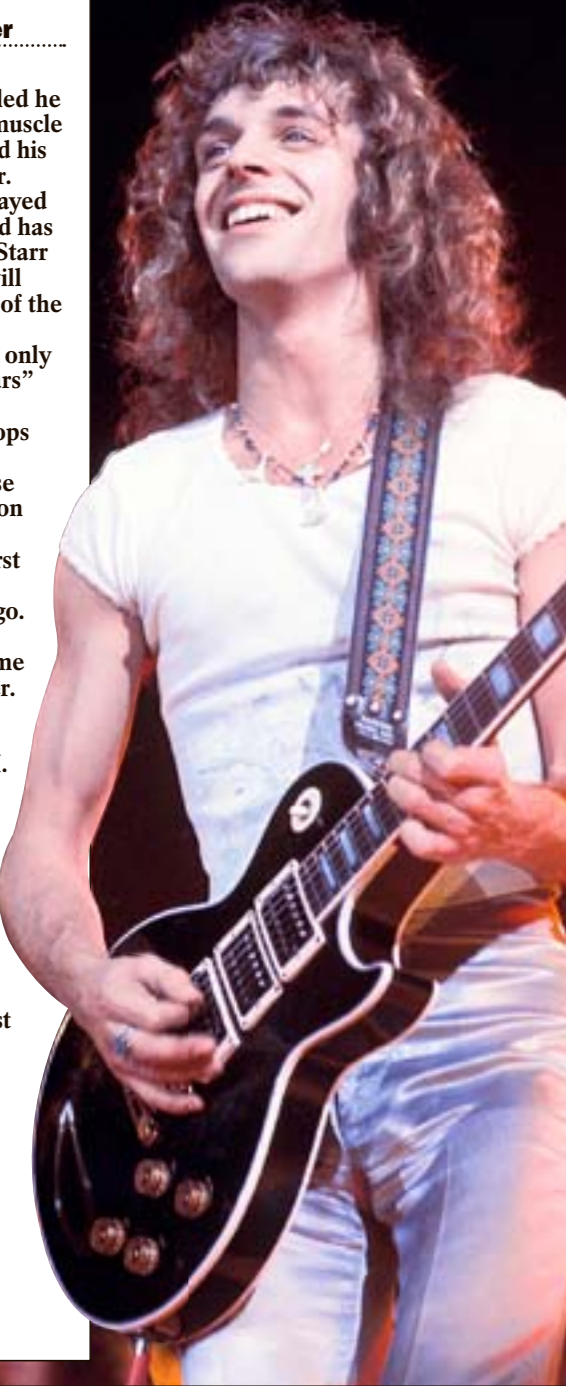
This is because he only has a "few more years" until inclusion body myositis, or IBM, stops him altogether.

The star, 69, whose 1976 album *Frampton Comes Alive!* sold 11 million copies, first noticed something wrong eight years ago. He dismissed the problem but over time gradually got weaker. After he fell over at a concert, he was diagnosed with IBM.

The condition weakens muscles and can leave sufferers wheelchair bound. "It was a shock," he told *Classic Rock* magazine. "I'm a perfectionist. The last thing I'd ever do is walk on the stage and fake it."

"So I made the decision to make the farewell tour."

The star aims to stay in music, doing production and writing: "I'm really positive about the future," he said.



## The days are numbered for 'dinosaur' TV, says Amanda

BRITAIN'S Got Talent judge Amanda Holden has revealed she believes the days are numbered for mainstream television.

Amanda, 48, has warned executives at ITV and the BBC that the channels will be overtaken by streaming services including Netflix.

She said: "TV is definitely not the holy grail any more. It really isn't. It will become a dinosaur, I think. Well, certainly [for] ITV, BBC One and BBC Two."

Amanda is a regular on terrestrial channels.

The mother of two has appeared as a stand-in host for Holly Willoughby

**WAY FORWARD:** Amanda backs online channels



By Edward Gleave

alongside Phillip Schofield on ITV's *This Morning*. She also starred as Miss Pentangle in CBBC's *The Worst Witch* in 2017.

But Amanda thinks online streaming could be the way forward when she wants to make an idea work.

She said: "I was talking to some friends at the weekend and if you want to do something you can do it yourself."

"That is absolutely the way forward."

"Or you can sell it on to a different network."

"There are hundreds now with Amazon, Netflix and YouTube."

"There are so many ways to get your message across."

EXCLUSIVE

By Marco Giannangeli  
DEFENCE EDITOR

FEW WILL know the name Roger Grosjean, the dashing French fighter pilot whose work for British intelligence helped fool Nazi Germany into believing the D-Day landings would happen in Calais.

There is no official record of the role he played, nor any acknowledgment of the personal risks he took in tricking his Nazi spymasters into sending him to England before turning the tables on them.

And all the evidence suggests that the English actress he met in London, married and had children with was a British intelligence plant tasked with ensuring Roger was genuine.

But as the 75th anniversary of the Normandy landings approaches, another war is being played out between the couple's son, eminent linguist Professor



DESPERATE: Francois

Francois Grosjean, and the gatekeepers of secrecy at MI5.

Since he uncovered diaries revealing crucial hints about his parents' secret past 12 years ago, Prof Grosjean has been pleading with MI5 to reveal the truth. Each request had been met by a polite yet firm "no".

"I am coming to the end of my life and I still know so little about my parents," said Prof Grosjean from his home in Switzerland.

"All I'm asking for is the same chance that adopted children are given when they seek the truth about their birth parents. All I want is closure."

What is known about Roger and Angela Pratt, who went on to become one of France's top fashion models in the 1950s, is the stuff of thrillers.

Roger served in France until the Nazi occupation. Faced with life under the jackboot, Roger, 22, aimed to flee to England, join the Allied war effort and "fly again and fight with fury".

After abandoning a plan to



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THE WAR EFFORT: Roger Grosjean and his model wife Angela were not what they seemed – but made sure D-Day was a success



## WAR DIARY UNEARTH'S SECRETS

# I beg British spies to tell me all about heroic dad before I die

steal a plane to cross the Channel he engineered a meeting with Germany's Abwehr intelligence agents at Paris's Cercle European, a hub for collaborators and Nazi officials. Impressed by his zeal they hatched a plan to smuggle him into England posing as a supporter of General de Gaulle, leader of the Free French government in exile.

In fact, Roger's orders were to spy on British aircraft, troops, weapons, instruments and other technical advances. Once his mission was over, he was to steal a plane and fly back to France, wagging his wings to ensure he wasn't shot down.

But Roger had no intention of returning until France was liberated. After an arduous journey on foot across Spain and into Portugal, he was flown to England where he was interrogated by the security services.

His life as a double agent began with a life-or-death game:

to reveal his role as a German spy and persuade MI5 that he was actually loyal to the Allied cause. Had he failed, the admission that he worked for the Abwehr would have guaranteed him a hangman's noose.

But intelligence chiefs were quick to see his value and he was enrolled as a Double Cross (XX) agent, codename Fido. XX, led by spymaster Guy Liddell, had around 40 agents tasked with feeding false intelligence to Germany suggesting that the D-Day landings would take place in the Pas de Calais and much later than June 6.

Roger was the goalkeeper: using his regular messages to Germany, now monitored by MI5, to ensure the Nazi hierarchy did not suspect the truth of D-Day, and did not send another spy to make sure.

Yet though he played a vital role in Operation Fortitude, MI5 didn't trust him. And so came Angela. With her Lauren Bacall-

esque beauty, she had gone to London to be an actress at Elstree studios. Ostensibly to make ends meet, she also worked at London's French Club where, calling herself Sallie, she met Roger.

In fact, she was already being paid by MI5. The pilot's diary shows he was infatuated, and they started a relationship. But he had misgivings, writing: "Does she really love me? As much as I love her? Why would she? I don't think she's after something. If I do start to love her as I feel I could, even though I have never loved before, I will either be very unhappy or very happy with her."

Ignorant of her real motives, her decision to follow him wherever he was posted reassured him. But the pressures of her own double-life, plus a suspected bipolar condition, caused strain which led to post-war divorce.

Their two children grew up in a string of foster homes and private schools, with Prof Grosjean at Radcliffe College, Oxford.

"It was a very lonely life as a young boy. For different reasons, neither of my parents had time for me," says Prof Grosjean. "My mother was a good spy, but a terrible person. When my parents divorced, my father revealed the extent to which she mistreated me."

"She was probably bipolar

but my feeling is that this was a mission gone bad. My mother became pregnant with my sister after a few months with my father. She didn't want me, her second child, at all.

"MI5 have always been very polite. But, though they have divulged details of other XX agents, they will not release my father's files."

"I think I have some of the pieces, but all I want to know is who my parents really were. I want the truth, no matter what those files say about them."

"I want some closure."

Spy author Nigel West, whose biography on Guy Liddell revealed that Roger was Fido, says: "There is no doubt that Roger was a brave man who took many risks, and I feel a lot of sympathy for Francois."

"It's perfectly feasible that Angela was also a spy. The security services used honey traps all the time. Britain knew Germany's

Pablo network in Spain was planning to send a tsunami of spies into England in 1944. If a single one got in, our D-Day plans would have been compromised.

"Roger had proven himself a skilled liar by bluffing his way through screening. Then he revealed his connection with the Abwehr – you can't blame British intelligence wanting to make sure."

"But, as with recent revelations about the Metropolitan Police's Special Demonstration Squad, where officers formed false lives with those they were reporting on, things go wrong."

"Whether because Angela was also a spy or because Roger was later involved with MI6, or both, they will not let Francois have the files."

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