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HAVE an unmarried son, aged 30, still living at home. He goes in for sport, and drinks with his mates. He always gets on well with girls.

upside down when I decided to spring-clean his bedroom. Imagine the shock when I found women's fancy undies and a wig. Does this mean my My world was turned. son is "gay"? If I could

understand his problem it would make it easier.

Are many mothers faced with this? Is it more common than I think it is?

CLAIRE SAYS:

YES, it is common, and yes, lots of mothers have to face this, and no, he's not "gay". He's a crossdresser-a man with. transvestite needs-in common with many men.

They often are the very sporty types who find it difficult to express the natural, softer side of their natures.

So they dress harmlessly in the clothes of the oppor site sex as a way of releasing their need to be gentle.

They hurt no-one, damage no-one, exploit no-one. Their need is a quiet, personal thing, and one that the majority of transvestites cope with very well.

The best thing you can do, is tell your son about your find. He might be relieved to know he can, share his secret with you.