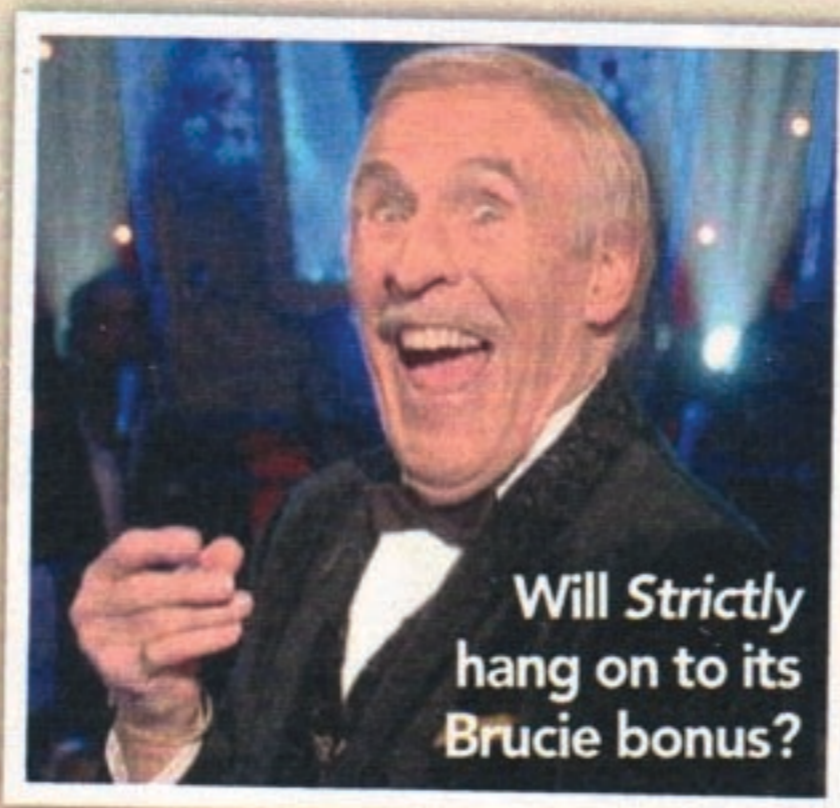




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Will *Strictly* hang on to its Bruce bonus?

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James is ready and waiting for Cheryl!

## ‘Cheryl Cole needs a man – like me!’

With news some of our *Strictly* stars may be replaced by flashy imports from the US, married James and Ola Jordan come out fighting...

### How do you feel about the rumours of new dancers coming into *Strictly*?

**James:** “The honest truth is that we don’t know anything.”

**Ola:** “Until we get the contract – probably sometime next month – nobody knows.”

**James:** “We’d love to go back on *Strictly* because I think it’s the best show on TV. I don’t rate *X Factor* at all. They throw loads of money at it and the singers are OK, but I think most people watch the show to see Simon Cowell. *Strictly* is the only real family entertainment out there.”

### What do you think about all the positive publicity that *America’s Dancing With The Stars* is getting?

**James:** “I’m sure the Americans think their show is fantastic, but we’re the originals. The gloves are off. Bring over American dancers

all you want. That’s no problem. I’m not nervous about them at all.”

### Derek Hough – Cheryl Cole’s dance partner for her *Parachute* video – is a hot favourite to join. How do you rate him?

**James:** “Derek’s young, he’s a good-looking guy, but in my opinion Mark Ballas, who danced with *90210* star Shannen Doherty, is just as good. We’ve competed against them all for years. Mark and Derek are like little brothers to me. But if they come over to *Strictly*, even though I’m six years older than them, I’ll give them a run for their money!”

### Do you think having fewer celebrities would help?

**James:** “The BBC knows what it’s doing. If it cuts down from 16 couples to 12, then it will

have done it for a good reason. Whatever decision it makes will be the right one. I’ve only read what everyone else has in the papers that *Strictly* is going to get much higher-profile celebrities. If they do that and make all the other changes that the papers are talking about, then we’ll walk all over *X Factor*.”

### Who would you want as your celebrity for the next series of *Strictly*?

**James:** “Cheryl Cole. Obviously she’s close to Derek, but if she wants to dance with a real man then she should come to me! He’s 24, he’s just a puppy! If she wants a man with a bit of experience then she should pick the Jordan.”

**Ola:** “My turn! If James is getting Cheryl, I want Peter Andre.”

**James:** “We’ve met him and he’s such a nice guy. Peter Andre would

be a massive ratings winner for *Strictly*. He’d be a great choice.”

**Ola:** (dreamily) “I could teach him how to dance – six hours, seven hours, eight hours a day.”

**James:** (eyes light up) “And imagine the costumes I’d be designing for Cheryl Cole!”

### Could *Strictly* exist without Bruce?

**James:** “I love Bruce. He’s a legend. He’s got time for people and he’s very old school, which I like. Without him, the show wouldn’t be the same. But if he chooses not to do it they’d have to find someone else. I’d go for the opposite – someone like that James Jordan. I’ve heard he’s an up-and-coming presenter who’s good!”

### Finally, what can *Strictly* fans expect on this professionals tour?

**James:** “This is the first time in seven years people will see us all – from Brian and Kristina to Ian and Natalie, all under one roof. It’s real value for money.”