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Miss Amy Childs AKA The Sweetheart
Who could say no to her? She has beauty on a whole new level – all she wants to do is Essex looking its best.

Mark Wright AKA The Jungle Cat
He grows Essex as if it's his territory and the rest of us are guests in it. And he looks great doing it...

Jessica Wright AKA The Diva
Essex's bona fide pop star is determined to see her dreams come true, and she's determined to do it with good hair and nails.

Harry Owen AKA The Babyface
Younger than the rest, like cousin Harry is only just making his name on the Essex social scene. But with a look and mouth like his, it won't take him long.

Sam Faiers AKA The ManEater
Already an established model, Sam has more confidence than we've ever seen wear it before, and she's not afraid to use it. Beware gentlemen, beware...

Lauren Goodger AKA The Career Girl
She's been nursing a broken heart but has turned it to good by focusing on her career and becoming part of the team behind Essex Fashion Week. We look forward to more features from the woman we'd hate to cross.

Nanny Pat AKA The Icon
Proving to us that Essex is about grub and home cooking as much as partying and hot cars, this matriarch has a wise word for whoever might need it – and she won't hold back.

Lucy Mecklenburgh AKA The Other Women
She didn't waste any time in snuffing Mark the minute he was single, but we suspect Nanny's story is far from just being someone's girlfriend.

James 'Arg' Argent AKA The Crooner
He might not have the lines when he's chatting up the ladies but onstage his silky voice and classic hunk means the tables are turned. A modern-day Sinatra walks among the Essex folk.

Candy Jacobs and Michael Woods AKA The Extras
The eyes and ears of Sugar Hut, these two know everything worth knowing.

Kirk Norcross AKA The Host
The cheeky chappy who runs Essex's famous nightclub, Kirk has a thing for Sugar Hut's ultimate host.

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Arg on Mark:
"I've always looked up to him. He's good-looking, he has confidence, he has swagger and he gives me tips on girls, even if it's not always the best advice..."

Mark on Arg:
"Don't say that. If you do, she will get up quicker than you can fart."

Arg on Mark: While Arg, Mark is an entirely different man – kind, gentle, and sensitive. They have been best mates since they were 18 and 19, and while Mark is almost a year older than Arg he is just as prepared to look out for his mate's wellbeing. Even helping to do his hair before a big date to trying to persuade him to wear a wedding dress to help make Halloween more special. Mark is always there for his gentle-hearted bestie.

Arg admits that people think Mark is beautiful, or arrogant or mean girls like soap, but I know he's got a softer side. He's a good friend and he never lets down me or any of his other friends. He's loyal.

Mark is keen to keep his hair, though. All he'll do is wash that hair! She is so Arg up with Vicky Pollard.

Try as hard as you like Mark, we all know there is a little beast lurking beneath that perfectly smooth chest...

GOING OUT

In Essex, almost everything is big – big hair, big boobs, big cars. That's almost everything. Because having a pet Essex way means having a micro-pet. What easier way to make your heels look higher or your chest look bigger than to be accompanied by a dog who is hardly bigger than a hot-water bottle? Well, either a dog or a pig.

The micro-pig
I thought that this time had been recognized. Arg surprised his girlfriend with a micro-pig as Christmas gift this year. She had mentioned that she fancied one after seeing a magazine article about Victoria Beckham's micro-pig, but she wasn't entirely prepared for the pig to arrive in an unexpected way.

At first Lydia thought she would have to return it as seeing a pig seemed just too much responsibility... and the farmer came to collect her. But after chatting with her, Lydia realized she could never just walk. No Darcy. Once he had a name he was part of the family and even everyone had their own role with him. Before long, Lydia had applied for her building's council's petting license for the little beast and had him brought home. And the pair of them were regularly taking walks through Epping Forest together. Photo-graphs are not allowed in walks, these high streets or playgrounds with hot food outlets because of the risk of spit and snout, classmate!

There's also Mr. Darcy, a huge Minkie-Minkie puppy that Lydia got at the end of her's cousin's wedding. He's a leather-vested bad boy, but he still likes to come to the house to show the couple some love when they're watching TV. He's a lovely, loveable, and a new one of the family have been recognized.

Essex-ing up your pet

- The pooch parlor is a must. All late dogs love a wash and a bit of a massage.
- A Swarovski-studded collar is always a good idea. Lucy's dog Concor has one.
- Attaching coins are a good look. Arg is devastated that Pucci is now... he's the can't get a coat on her!
- Halloween is a great time for Essex girls, so it's another opportunity to dress up your dog. Any look has to be unique, but nice.
- Painted toenails are for the truly serious!

The micro-dog
It's Essex's most popular breed of dog you have to love as long as it's tiny!

- Mark bought a younger sister Frankie a scrumptious puppy named Bubbles for Christmas. He's already a favorite of Harry and Jessica, despite needing to be shielded from the rest of the Essex world as they were meant to get outside. Mark goes to visit him every day.
- Harry has a chihuahua named Reggie, in his other together is named Romeo. He and his mate have had a hard time of it.
- Lucy's dog Ted is a chihuahua and very nice.
- Arg has two dogs. Pucci is the big, grumpy dog with a black face and Fudge is the little one, who is much better than his dog, really.
- Lucy wants to get a puppy but is hesitating as unlike the rest of the cast she doesn't live with family who could look after it when she's busy working.
- Chick is the only one with just bigger than a hot-water bottle. She has two children named Sunny and Dix, a generalist named Kiki and two miniatures named Cherry Boy and Moscow Dears. Chick and her children, and even Kiki Chik, are so good.
- Lucy has a little Weimaraner called Captain as well as a cat called Gordon and fish, rabbits and guinea pigs.

No, we won't get more. One pig's enough.' – Arg
'Oh yeah, I might have to get him a Mrs Darcy.' – Lydia

THE PETS OF ESSEX