

BABY JOY FOR RHYS MEYERS

They are loved up and can't wait for their tot

Over the moon... smitten couple Mara and Jonathan are delighted with their baby news



Horizontal hugs... Rhys Meyers embraces Natalie Dormer in *The Tudors*



JONATHAN Rhys Meyers' partner is having a baby, we can reveal.

Beautiful Mara Lane is about 28 weeks pregnant and the couple are over the moon about the news, the Irish Sun has learned.

A source said: "They are both delighted and can't wait for the arrival of a tiny tot into their lives. They are very loved up and are so excited."

The couple got engaged in 2014 and it is believed they may even have secretly tied the knot in

EXCLUSIVE by **KEN SWEENEY**
Showbiz Editor

recent times. It was revealed this week that Mara changed the name of her Instagram page – which she shared with dog Toca – to 'Lane Rhys Meyers'.

Jonathan posed for a photoshoot with a gold band on his wedding finger back in June.

He was also spotted wearing the same gold band in a picture on Mara's Instagram page.

And, in a post five months ago, the actress and producer wrote: "Thank you for my Mother's Day

flowers best Hubby, J." Last month, Jonathan was among those who paid their respects at the funeral of 'Batman' Ben Farrell who died last month after losing his battle against cancer.

The Dublin youngster, five, was diagnosed with an aggressive tumour last Christmas Eve.

The Tudors star had met the lad on the set of TV show Vikings.

Rhys Meyers has publicly battled demons for years, and had been living clean since 2011 until May 2015 when he suffered a setback.

The thespian was pictured swigging vodka from the bottle in a London street and in a dishevelled

state with bloodshot eyes and his fly open. He later issued a statement apologising for the "minor relapse", telling fans: "Mara and I are thankful for your support and kindness during this time."

"I apologise for having a minor relapse and hope that people don't think too badly of me."

Since then he has been spotted enjoying life – without the booze – with his partner, Mara.

And at the beginning of the year they were seen going to a doctor's surgery in Beverly Hills together.

The Irish star appeared in several films, including Michael Collins, before making his big

break in the UK hit Bend It Like Beckham. But he is best known for his role as King Henry VIII in the Irish-shot series *The Tudors*.

Jonathan has faced rehab up to six times in the past. He first went to the famous Promises facility in Malibu in May 2005.

He also faced charges after several incidents while under the influence of alcohol, including being arrested in Dublin Airport in 2007 for being drunk and in breach of the peace.

In 2010, he was barred from ever flying with United Airlines again after he drunkenly abused a member of staff in JFK Airport.