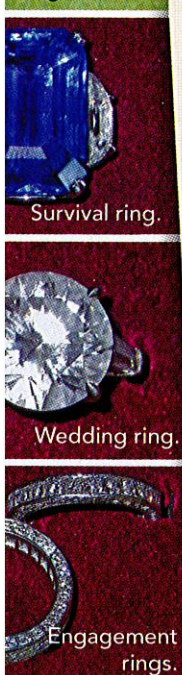


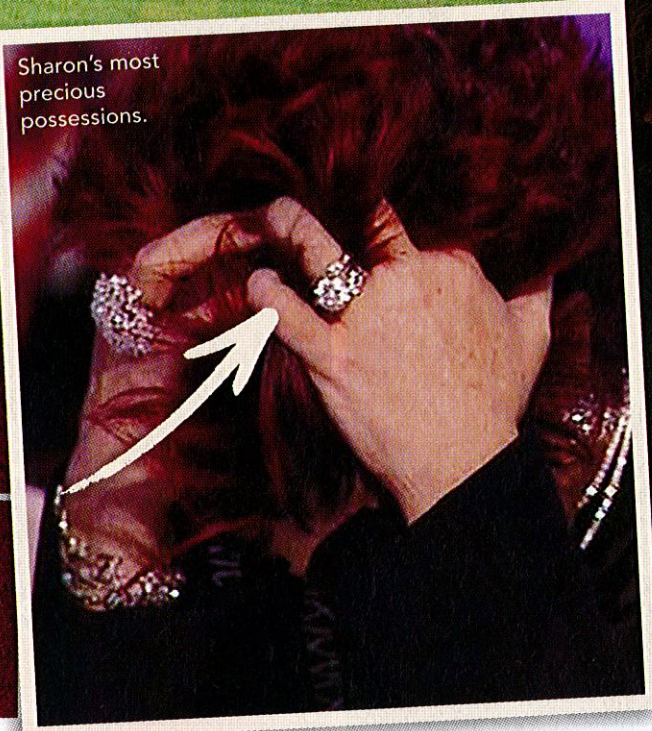
the mansion in Buckinghamshire.



Survival ring.

Wedding ring.

Engagement rings.



Sharon's most precious possessions.



Ozzy says Sharon deserves a medal just for being alive.

OZZY'S ORDEAL

The ageing rocker fights back as an intruder raids the Osbourne's palatial home

A terrifying ordeal has shaken one of the most famous families on TV as Ozzy Osbourne wrestled with an intruder to protect his wife. The Black Sabbath star tried to stop the burglar who stole \$5.6 million on a raid of their mansion in the UK.

Ozzy says he thought about killing the intruder as he held him in a headlock and dangled him out of the window.

'I thought for a mad split second: "I could snap your neck like a straw, let you fall and say it was an accident..." But then I just let him drop. I couldn't kill him - I couldn't live with that on my conscience,' he admits.

Brave Ozzy, 56, was woken by a noise and at once jumped on the thief.

'The man knew I could hurt him - he was choking. But I let him go. For that, I ask him to give back my wife's things. They are her life - a life for a life,' he says.

The rock star and his wife Sharon, 52, who has just been given the all clear

after her battle with colon cancer, were in bed when two burglars crept in at 4am.

One used a ladder to climb into a first-floor room where he managed to grab pieces of jewellery including Sharon's wedding ring and her 24-carat sapphire 'survival' ring that she bought for herself.

'I bought that ring the day I found out I was going to live. I didn't know for how

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long. It was to celebrate my survival and so I'd have something special to leave to my girls if I should die soon,' Sharon says.

The intruders struck not long after the couple had returned from celebrating the birthday of Sir Elton John's lover David Furnish at London eatery The Ivy.

Just days before, Sharon was showing off her jewellery on *The X Factor*, a talent show where she appears as a judge.

Police believe the thieves had inside information as they knew where to look.

A spokesperson for Sharon says: 'Ozzy and Sharon are both very shaken. There was a substantial amount of jewellery taken and some damage to the house.'

'Ozzy heard the thief and did what any man would do to protect his wife if he saw a stranger in his house - he's in good shape after a summer tour.'

But Ozzy is furious and thinking of torching his house and rebuilding.

'I can't bear that they violated our home, touched our things and took away the things that meant the most to my wife,' the distraught rocker says.

'They even took my f***ing wedding rings. I want those things back and I don't care how - please just give them back,' Sharon adds.

'My Sharon deserves a medal just for being alive, she's been through so much,' Ozzy explains. 'They stole her memories, how could they do that to her?'

By Amanda Goff

► Celebrity Insider Amber Petty caught up with the Osbournes - turn to page 92 for the inside scoop on their tour to Oz in March 2005.