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## **Chris Rea - Rea: My Wife And I Are Like Macca And Linda**

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Rocker CHRIS REA likens his relationship with wife JOAN to SIR PAUL McCARTNEY's devoted marriage with late spouse LINDA - as they do everything together.

The ROAD TO HELL hitmaker, 53, has dated his artist partner since they were both 16 and says he is still overawed by her poise and beauty.

Rea enthuses, "I used to shake and sweat when I first saw her because I was so self-conscious and she was so beautiful.

"After the sheer weight of the years, you go into the area of complete inseparability. I always understood how Paul McCartney was with Linda. I don't think in terms of anything that isn't for both of us, and Joan is the same."

## **Chris Rea - Rea's 'Miraculous' Surgery**

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British rock star CHRIS REA is amazed he's still alive after a life-threatening operation left him emaciated, diabetic and addicted to morphine.

The LET'S DANCE singer, 53, has taken three years to recover from the lethal operation to remove his duodenum, pancreas and central digestive system and still cannot believe he survived.

Rea explains, "PROFESSOR RUSSELL didn't mince his words.

"He said I'd need what's known as a Whipple operation and would be in hospital for several weeks after the op, with tubes coming out of every orifice.

"I would be on morphine, which is notoriously addictive, and then all the tubes would have to be taken out, which is extremely painful.

"I knew there was no choice; it was the operation or die.

"I weighed only eight stone when I came out and, as feared, I had become addicted to morphine.

"It's a miracle that I've survived, really.

"I have no gall bladder, no duodenum, no pancreas and dodgy bile ducts."

## **Chris Rea - Diabetic Rea Misses Race**

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Singer CHRIS REA was forced to pull out of a 24-hour motor race in England yesterday (10SEP05) after an infection caused him to become seriously ill.

The ROAD TO HELL hitmaker - who is diabetic - was due to take part in a practice session, driving a mini cooper at Silverstone circuit in Northamptonshire, when he was rushed to hospital and put on an antibiotic drip.

His manager JOHN KNOWLES says, "An abscess on his leg developed and he was in so much pain."