



■ **SPYWARE:** Nicholas Hartshorne-Evans in his Bond suit



■ **CINEMA boss:** Laurie Barton-Wright



■ **LIVING highlights:** Mark and Debbie Jones and, above, Street stars Shobna Gulati and Samia Smith

■ **BLUE heaven:** Heather and Jason Wolfe, Manchester Phoenix player

A right Royale knees-up

MUCH as we love to dress up for an occasion here at Style, it's not every day we go to the cinema in full black tie and gowns get-up.

But when it came to Bond we made an exception.

Luckily, as we were at the Red Cinema's celebrity gala screening of the new 007 flick – where bling and

little black dresses where the order of the day – we fitted right in.

Held in aid of the Five Star Scanners Appeal, the glitzy showing saw socialites from across the city putting on the ritz for a Casino Royale themed bash, complete with shaken and stirred cocktails, croupier tables and red carpet treatment.

Plus, of course, a James Bond double to host proceedings.

Although Douglas James, a Pierce Brosnan lookalike, tells us he hasn't been quite so busy since his alter ego was replaced with blond-haired and blue-eyed Daniel Craig (not that he's complaining, saying he's glad of the break).

Five Stars patron Samia Smith looked the height of chic in a demure tailored coat while Hollyoaks star Carly Stenson was dressed to kill. But when it came to the guys, we

have to say Manchester tailor Nicholas Hartshorne-Evans had to take the best dressed award – wearing a suit made from the same cloth that went to make Craig's tux in the film.

While the guys went for sharp suiting, the ladies pulled out all the stops with a glam selection of eveningwear – a good chance to give those Christmas party dresses an airing. Naturally, you need some

glitzy entertainment to match, so it was off to the after-film party at Salford Quay's Lime bar for Bond-themed hits, sung by former Coronation Street star Shobna Gulati.

And some suitably glamorous strawberry champagne cocktails, of course. You too might need a calming drink after seeing Bond emerge from the sea in those tight-fitting trunks...