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after her marriage to Brian McFadden collapsed in 2004.

But now she insists she doesn't have a drink problem, saying: "I've never been a big drinker and I don't have a problem. I'm not teetotal either though. On my new diet plan, I will be allowing myself a few glasses of wine a week. You can't deny yourself everything."

And Kerry also denies claims she will soon be homeless after being presented with a repossession order for her home because she's failed to pay her mortgage.

She insists: "I'm not struggling to pay my mortgage and I won't be forced out of my house. I'm fed up with reading all these lies. I'm going to have the bankruptcy tag officially for the next two years but I've cleared all my debts now."

Kerry says she's determined to provide a secure future for her family – and is looking

into new career paths.

She reveals: "I'm going to get my career back on track this year too. I'd love to get into acting – people tell me I'd make a great comedy actress! I'm on the lookout for the right role."

But for now, Kerry's focusing on keeping her trim new figure and although she says she'd love to drop another 3lbs to be her ideal weight of 9st, she never wants to be a size 8 again.

"I felt too thin as a size 8 and sticking to such a restrictive diet was stressful. And Mark prefers me with curves, probably because of my big boobs," she giggles.

Now Kerry has designed a realistic exercise programme she can do every day at home.

She says: "After I've dropped off the kids at school, I'm going to jog or power walk around the park for 30 minutes and then I'll do a 10-minute circuit in my home – combining sit-ups, core exercises with a fitness ball, skipping and boxing.

"I'm going to play my favourite Rod Stewart hits in the background to keep me going!"

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After losing a stone in two weeks, Kerry Katona tells Closer's Katie Banks that she's ready to turn her life around

T'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE'VE SEEN Kerry Katona looking - and clearly feeling - so great. The troubled star has been laying low since she was caught allegedly snorting drugs in her Cheshire home last August.

The fallout from the scandal saw her accused of being a bad mum, and meant she lost her lucrative £250,000 a year Iceland advertising contract - adding to her financial woes after she was declared bankrupt over a year ago.

But Kerry is back - and thanks to a twoweek stint in a military-style bootcamp she's dropped a stone and is determined to turn her life around. Revealing her new figure exclusively in Closer, Kerry says: "I feel like a completely different person! I want a fresh start.

"Last year, I was so depressed. I was spending too much time in the house doing nothing, depending on Mark for everything. Some days I was so miserable I couldn't even get out of bed. I was getting bogged down by all the problems in my life, mainly my finances and rows with Mark.

"I don't have any real mates and I'd definitely describe myself as a loner because it's so hard for me to trust people. But at bootcamp I met a group of five women who

"I'm meeting up with them next weekend for a big girlie night out. It's a real step forward because I wouldn't have had the confidence to do that before."

She adds: "I lost my independence but now I want it back. There are going to be a lot of changes this year.

"I know I've yo-yoed in the past but now I'm determined to keep my perfect size 10 figure. I've worked so hard to achieve it and I finally feel sexy again."

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Kerry, who had liposuction that took her from a size 14 to 8 in 2008, says: "This time I've actually put in the hard work without relying on plastic surgery and I feel proud of myself. And that feeling makes me want to make permanent changes to my lifestyle."

After two weeks of 11-hour days of



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She reveals: "On the first day of the camp, I was nicknamed 'The Warrington Whinger' because I was sweating like mad and crying, 'I can't, I can't!' when the trainers shouted at me.

"It was so emotional - I felt like I was stranded in the jungle on I'm A Celeb! again! But when the day was over and I was having dinner with the girls, I felt such a sense of achievement. We all got on so well."

Kerry missed her children, Molly, eight, Lilly-Sue, seven, Heidi, nearly three, and Max, 22 months, but says: "Mark sent videos of them to my phone saying, 'Hi Mummy, we love you and miss you,' to keep me going."

The reality star says she's always struggled with exercise since breaking her pelvis during Heidi's pregnancy, but bootcamp has strengthened her core muscles.

"I've always detested exercise and I felt in such pain when I attempted my first jog but I knew I couldn't give up. Now I can run 1½km easily and I'm actually looking forward to working out at home. I'm definitely the fittest I've ever been," she says.

High up on the list of her lifestyle changes is ditching junk food - Kerry says she's finally willing to swap her late-night beef curries in favour of a healthy eating regime.

She explains: "Before I went to bootcamp, I had no set routine to my eating. I just had what I fancied, which was usually a takeaway. I had a psychological issue with food - when people told me not to eat something, I had to go and gorge on it immediately.

"If I had breakfast, it would be a sausage or bacon sandwich, I'd pick at finger food like chicken wings, potato pie or cheesy pasta for lunch and then it would be a kebab and chips or a Chinese or Indian takeaway for dinner."

Now she's keen to stick to the meal plan from bootcamp, which means porridge and herbal tea to start the day, a tuna salad or leek soup for lunch and pasta or fish with veg for dinner.

And Kerry - who makes no secret of her lack of cooking skills - says she also

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wants to take cookery lessons. She laughs: "I rarely set foot in my kitchen but I'm researching cooking courses in my area."

Obviously time will tell if Kerry can maintain her new figure and this isn't the first time she's shaped up dramatically.

In August 2008, just months after having her fourth child Max, Kerry underwent extensive cosmetic surgery - liposuction on her stomach, legs and bum and a breast reduction, taking her from a GG to a DD cup - in a bid to regain her pre-pregnancy body.

The reality star also embarked on an intensive exercise regime with personal trainer Scott Wright and lived on a diet of "Bran Flakes, salad and protein shakes."

By January 2009 she weighed just over 8st and was a size 8, but within months the weight crept back on as Kerry faced marriage problems - and turned to food for comfort.

In March last year, Kerry announced she was divorcing Mark after claiming that he had "bled her dry" and squandered her money on flash cars - Kerry was declared bankrupt in August 2008 after failing to pay the final £82,000 of a £417,000 tax bill.

But within four days they were back together again - and despite several more ups and downs, they celebrate their third wedding anniversary this weekend.

While Kerry doesn't deny that the relationship is still volatile, she believes they will grow old together, saying: "Every couple has their ups and downs but I'm still very much with Mark and looking forward to spending the rest of my life with him."

And now Kerry is determined to change the public's perception of her. Since the drugs scandal last year - where she was secretly filmed at home snorting what was alleged to be cocaine - her popularity has taken yet another nosedive. She was devastated to be voted the second most hated woman in Britain recently - after Jordan.

Refusing to address the drug stories, she says: "It was a really tough year and there was a lot of horrible stuff written about me. But transforming my body has made me want to overhaul every aspect of my life. I'm not living in the past now, I'm moving on.

"There are stories about me going out and boozing until all hours but the truth is I'm

> "And Social Services aren't knocking down my door to take away my kids - I'm a good mum. We just had a big birthday celebration for

Lilly last week and it was so much fun. I love them more than anything."

Kerry - who suffers from bipolar disorder - admitted in her autobiography that she had treatment for a drink and drug problem





