



World snooker champion Ronnie O'Sullivan, left, with his father, also called Ronnie, who was jailed for life for murder in 1992

Snooker ace father freed

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SNOOKER world champion Ronnie O'Sullivan has been reunited with his father, who was jailed 17 years ago for murder. Ronnie O'Sullivan Senior, who was sentenced to life when his son was just 16, was allowed home from prison this week. O'Sullivan, 54, was jailed in 1992 for the nightclub stabbing of Bruce Bryan, a driver for London gangster Charlie Kray. He was allowed out on a rehabilitation scheme to prepare him for his full release later this year or early in 2010. O'Sullivan Snr, who made millions running Soho sex shops, is believed to have left jail on the Isle of Sheppey, in Kent, at the weekend and headed for the

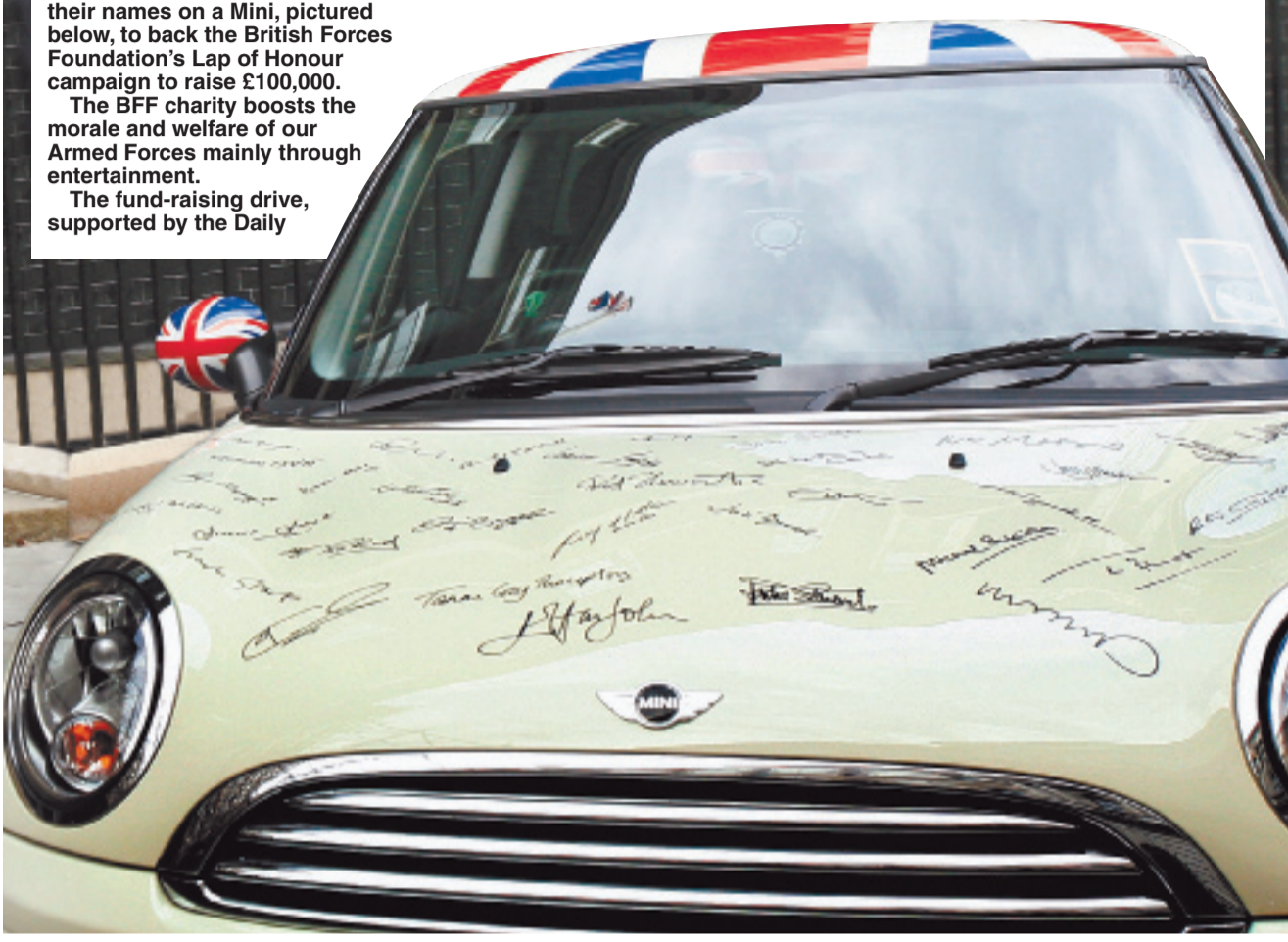
family's £1million home in Chigwell, Essex. He was reunited there with his Italian-born wife Maria. Ronnie, 33, who lives a few doors away, has made frequent visits. Last night a spokesman for World Snooker, the sport's governing body, confirmed that O'Sullivan Snr was on "home release". The spokesman said: "The family have requested privacy. They don't want to say anything about it." A family friend, speaking from inside the house, said: "He has served his time and wants to put it all behind him. He wants to live his life in peace and be left alone. Ronnie is delighted his father is home." It is believed he will return to prison at the weekend.

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Express, is a 10-month driving adventure around the country getting 50 British icons to autograph the car and 100 firms to lend their cash support. Prime

Minister Gordon Brown yesterday signed the car outside No 10. BFF director, Mark Cann, said yesterday: "The very act of demonstrating support will send a clear message of solidarity to those on the frontline."



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