

# Husband is sure depressed wife's death was accidental

THE GRIEVING husband of a Henley woman who died after taking a fatal amount of anti-depressants is convinced his wife did not mean to take her own life.

dead on her bedroom floor on April 24 this year after taking an overdose, told an inquest last week that she had been in good spirits in the lead up to her death.

Mrs Payne, who lived in Mount Road, had suffered from depression throughout her life.

She had a long history of drinking and self-harm as well as long bouts of severe depression. She kept a notebook detailing her thoughts and had attempted to take her life three times, on each occasion writing suicide notes.

looked for a long time," he added.

A post mortem report revealed that Mrs Payne had a fatal dose of Citalopram in her system, which she had been prescribed to treat her depression.

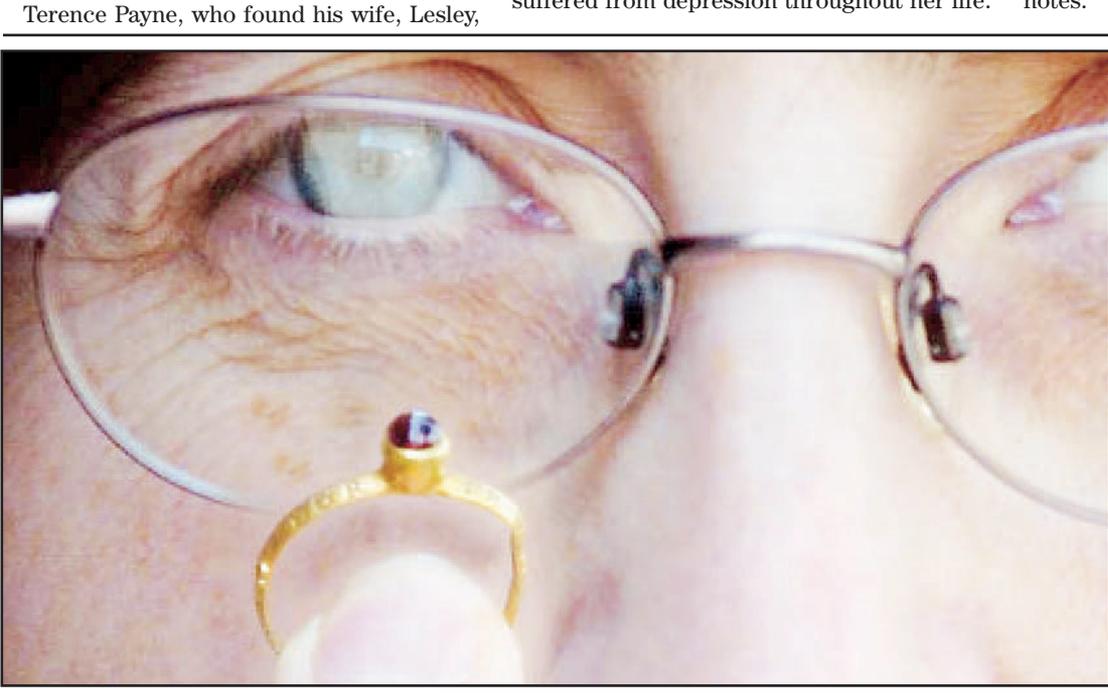
But Coroner Michael Coker recorded an open verdict at the inquest on Wednesday (July 20). He said while there was a clear suspicion Mrs Payne had taken her own life by overdosing on the drug, he was not totally satisfied that was the case. But neither could he say without doubt she had accidentally taken too much of the drug.

He added he was aware taking anti-depressants over a long period could cause a person to become confused, but the only person who could truly say what had happened was Mrs Payne.

But according to her husband, who she had separated from two years ago, the 41-year-old had been making plans for the future.

He said: "It was the first time in two years that she had started to make plans more than a few days ahead. She was planning to decorate a doll's house she had bought and we had been talking about getting back together."

"She was looking the best she had



● Ringmaster - Sara Wear, keeper of archaeology, shows off the medieval ring, which was found near Alester and has cost the Warwickshire Museum "a four figure" sum. It is on display for all to see at the Market Hall Museum. 28.05.052nc

## Baffling ring displays its mystery

A MEDIEVAL ring found which has baffled historians and archaeologists throughout the country, has gone on display in Warwick.

The 13th century ring found at Wixford near Alcester has cost Warwickshire Museum a four-figure sum. It is a gold and garnet ring with lettering on the band, which is reversed and also upside down.

Experts at the British Museum believe the unusual inscription could be a love token or even hold a magical meaning.

Sara Wear, Keeper of Archaeology for Warwickshire County Council said: "We are incredibly lucky to have this rare find on display. Who knows, one day we may be able to unlock its magical secrets."

The ring was bought for the county collections, for a four figure sum, with the help of a grant from the National Art Collections Fund.

It is on show at Market Hall Museum.



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