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Mother locked herself in when she saw Cumbria rampage on TV

I FEARED MY SON WOULD GUN ME DOWN

DERRICK Bird's mother believed he would murder her too when she learnt of his gun rampage on TV.

Mary, 85, saw a picture of her son on the lunchtime news with a report that he was on the loose after killing his twin brother David and a string of other victims.

Fearing they might also be on Bird's hitlist, she and her daughter-in-law went into 'lockdown', to secure the house. By

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then her son had shot 12 dead and injured 25 more.

Talking for the first time yesterday, Bird's close family said they were mortified the cheerful man they had known suddenly 'flipped'.

And they said they wished they could visit the relatives of every victim of last Wednesday's massacre to say sorry.

Speaking for the family, Reverend Jim Marshal, of St Michael's Church in

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Amanda Holden at last night's Baftas SEE PAGE 5

AMANDA NEVER LOOKED GRANDER

Prepare for years of pain, warns Cameron

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THE deepest public spending cuts for decades will affect our whole way of life, David Cameron warns today.

Chancellor George Osborne will tomorrow launch a spending review heralding a 'once in a generation' reassessment of the role of the state.

The Treasury is looking to Canada - which successfully slashed its 9.1 per cent budget deficit to zero over three years in the 1990s - for inspiration.

Sources say Mr Osborne will follow Canada's example by creating a 'star chamber' of senior ministers and officials, to which each member of the Cabinet will have to justify spending plans.

Economists fear many government departments face budget cuts of 25 per cent, the steepest since the Second World War.

Benefit freezes, further cuts in child tax credits, privatisations and below-inflation pay rises for public sector workers are all expected.

In a major speech on the economy, the Prime Minister will warn the impact of the Government's plans for reducing the deficit will be 'enormous' and even more 'critical' than he initially feared.

The 'inevitably painful' cuts programme could be felt for decades, such is the scale of the debt crisis facing Britain, he will say.

Mr Cameron has singled out 'massive' welfare bills and public sector pay as top targets for belt-tightening measures. His tone is in marked contrast to that of Nick Clegg, who suggested yesterday there would be no return to the 'harshness' of spending restraint under Margaret Thatcher, although

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