

Alex is a snappy shopper

WITH her footballer fiancé Steven Gerrard away in Japan, glamorous Alex Curran is using her spare time well to snap up some Christmas goodies. Our shopper caught Alex as she made her way around city centre shops, including Flannels designerwear and Selfridges. And, with her fiancé Steven away until next week playing for Liverpool in the Premier League

Championship, it has given her ample opportunity to get some last-minute Christmas surprises for her man. She's hit the headlines of late with rumours that she's expecting her second child with Steven - but by the look of her skinny jeans, I think we can put those ideas to bed.



■ LIGHT FANTASTIC: Christmas decorations. Left: The Everton player with his wife, Julie



Phil lights up a blue heaven

FORGET traditional white - blue is the colour of Christmas at ex-Manchester United star Phil Neville's palatial Lancashire home.

And, while blue just happens to match Phil's new team colours at Everton, I hear the decision to light up the home in the colour is more to do with the big Chrimbo fashion this year. For while

black Christmas trees have hit the headlines, blue baubles and lights are the key trend for the most fashionable homes.

Phil and wife, Julie, have had 50 traditional miniature Christmas trees installed to line the winding drive at their home in Rawtenstall, given a dazzling finishing touch with the blue bulbs.

The Nevilles are part of a bigger trend this year - believed to have been set off

by the glittering array of blue lights on London's famous Regent Street.

North west-based The Christmas Decorators were behind the lights and supply a number of celebrity clients across the world.

"Blue lights have always been a classic colour because they look good at night-time," said company owner Nick Bolton.

"Regent Street in London

might have kicked off the trend this year as all their lights are blue but also a lot of it relies on what the importers bring in and they've been mainly bringing in blue and white lights this year.

"Because of this, it's set to be a big trend next Christmas as well."

Sorry Reds fans - best get those blue fairy lights snapped up now!