

Somewhere to lay down, Sally?

If you were Eric Clapton fan during the 1960s then turn away now. The guitarist and songwriter, who had worldwide hits with Lay Down Sally, Layla and Wonderful Tonight, turned 70 this year.

The spectacled legend has been acclaimed as a musical hero since the '60s and by 1967 an anonymous graffiti artist had coined the phrase 'Clapton Is God'.

He shows no sign of slowing down, still playing gigs around the globe and recently releasing an album. But getting away from it all obviously helps too, and the multi-millionaire musician is able to do just that in his various homes in Venice beach, Surrey, Antigua – and until recently this rustic stone farmhouse in Provence.

He bought the ten-bedroom,

nine-bathroom home near the village of Nans les Pins 12 years ago for wife Melia McEnery and family as an antidote to life on the road and in the studio, but told the Sunday Times he no longer had the time to appreciate it. "Once you get through those gates, it's like entering an oasis of calm," he mused.

Set in more than ten acres, the property comes with a private tennis court, gated swimming pool, boules pitch and cinema room, while in an annexe there's two large independent guest rooms, both with en-suite bathrooms.

The property is on the market for around £2.18m - having been reduced from £3.25m

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STAR GETAWAY: This Rustic stone farmhouse in Provence used to belong to Eric Clapton which he bought for his family as the perfect place to escape the limelight