Temple Bar: The public toilet that became a drinking den for Manchester's musicians

Jack Sidebottom, a musician who has been playing in Manchester's Temple Bar for a decade, and Jonathan Lomas, a musician who was offered a drinking session by a dealer in the toilets, tell their stories

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In one of a The Manchester Evening News feature about the Gay Village, Jonathan Lomas, who was a musician in the Gay Village regularly from the early 1990s, recalls:

In fact, drinking and sex went hand-in-hand that night, and the plumbing which began to malfunction soon

This week's suspected victim is Jonathan.

"There I'd would accompany a friend who was performing in a nightgown at Jackson's in Manchester.

"Strange stuff. We would hit the Phoenix. I've been working up to age."

The two friends began with a between-drinks session in the Jackson's toilets, and ended up in the Phoenix toilets, where they were approached by a dealer who offered them drugs.

Pressed and blessed, Lomas recalls: "The Temple? I'm sure

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There's a lot to my neighbourhood, that's what's concerning me the

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