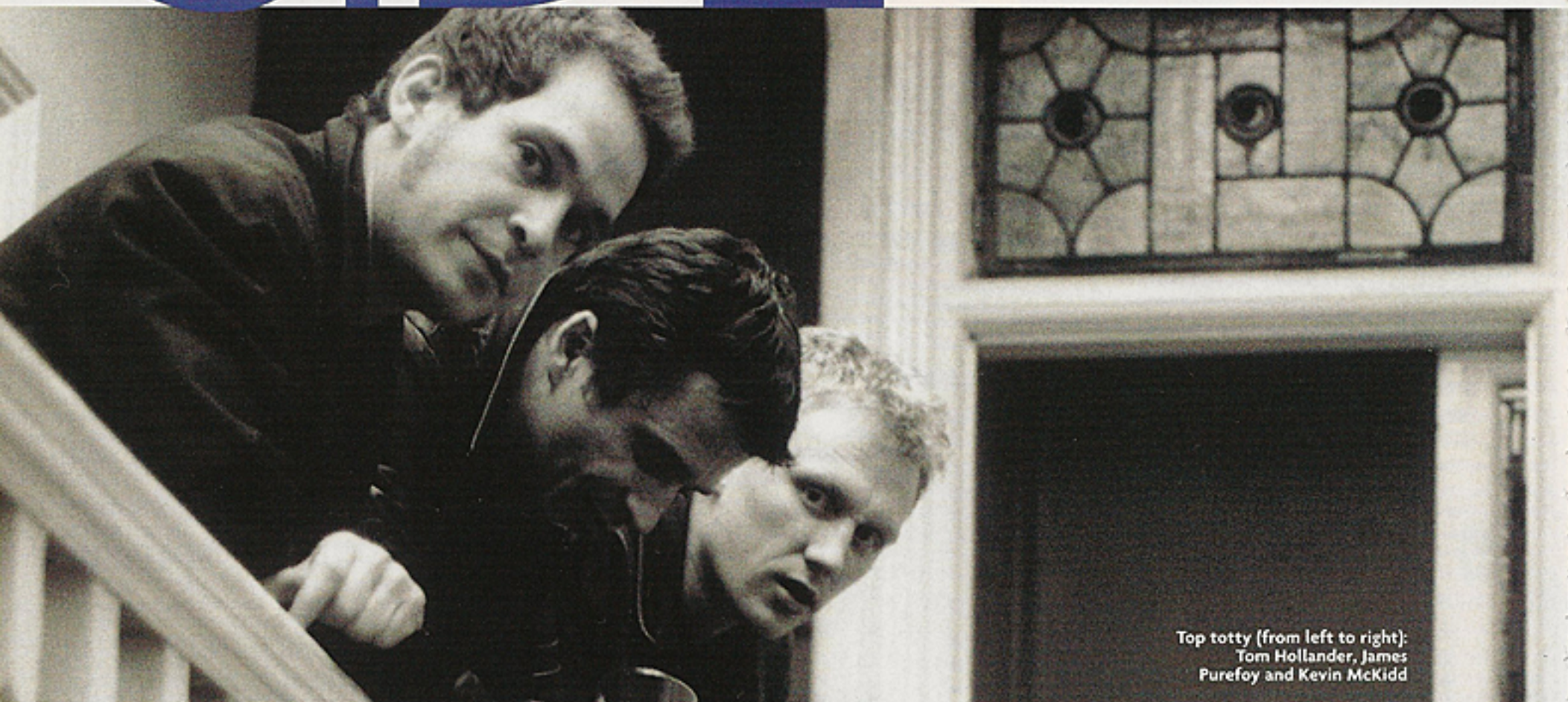


# BRITTS ON THE SIDE

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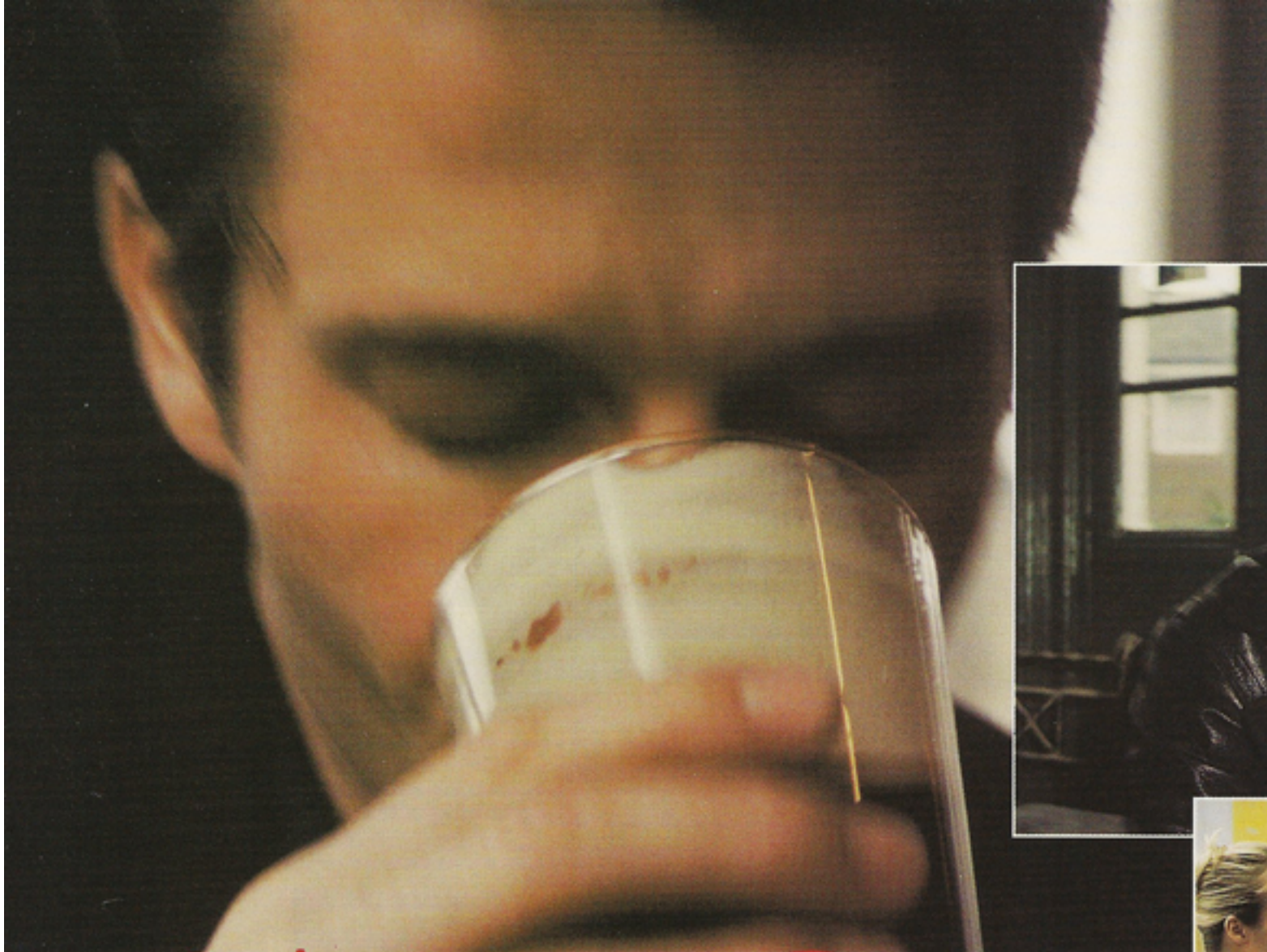
Top totty (from left to right):  
Tom Hollander, James  
Purefoy and Kevin McKidd

They're young, cute and starring in the latest Brit flick. Fancy lunch, boys?

**S**poooky fact number one: the venue for this interview is the Paradise Bar in London, the same place for the *Bedrooms and Hallways* wrap party. It's a romantic comedy centring around Leo (Kevin McKidd) and his complicated love life, including his ex-girlfriend

(Jennifer Ehle), his new boyfriend (James Purefoy) and his fashion-victim flatmate (Tom Hollander). The film's three male stars are having a reunion as it's been almost a year since they finished filming. The Guinness is flowing for Kevin and James, Tom is on vodka and tonic. Call this work?!





Scary moment! Leo's ex-girlfriend meets his new boyfriend in *Bedrooms and Hallways*

# JAMES PUREFOY

**Why he looks familiar:** Posh telly such as *A Dance To The Music Of Time*.

**In the movie:** I'm Brendan, the sexy guy who'll give anything a go.

**Working on:** I play the bastard in a new film, *Women Talking Dirty*. He's fantastic fun to be with, until the shit hits the fan.

**Porn name (the name of your first pet and your mother's maiden name):** Josie Taylor. 'She sounds like she's a 40DD!'

**Ambitions:** Yeovil Town to win the FA Cup, which won't happen. And be stuck in a traffic jam with Gillian Tylforth!

**Weird fact:** He never gets nervous.

**Fave role:** An action movie called *Lighthouse*. No dialogue for 40 minutes, just lots of kick-arse action. The kind of role Nicolas Cage would be playing if it was a big-budget Hollywood blockbuster.

**Fashion, according to James:** I went to a fashion show, Nicole Farhi, for the first time recently. I was horrified. Models are so thin! Is that meant to be attractive? Yeuch! [five minutes of retching noises] And they're so fucking miserable!

**The fame game:** Cabbies ask me what I do. When I tell them I'm an actor they ask 'Are you famous?' Clearly not! If you have to ask, then I'm obviously not!

**My hero:** Mike Mansfield QC, a lawyer

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who represented Stephen Lawrence's family. He's cool. Smart, bright, intellectually rigorous, interesting.

**Ideal women:** My girlfriend, Grace Kelly and Audrey Hepburn. In that order.

**Favourite book:** *Perfume*, by Patrick Suskind. After I read it, I just went around smelling people!

**Time out:** Sex and telly are how I relax. But not at the same time!

**If he could cast a spell on anyone:** Steven Spielberg! He'd probably need one before he'd cast me

**My second love:** Very intense, the kind of relationship where you weep while making love. Then she went and shagged some bloke in a wardrobe! I'm not telling you her name though – she's a producer at the BBC now and might give me a job!

**Best day of my life:** When my son Joseph was born [awww, bless!]. I'd have brought him today, but he didn't have a window in his diary.

**Never in a million years:** I'd never be in a soap. I couldn't bear to be that famous and don't care about the money. I've done five films in the last year and get paid plenty. Acting is about exploring different roles. Playing the same person for thirty years in a soap would be like a nine-to-five job.

**Fan mail:** I've had knickers in the post. The worst was an ongoing correspondence with this girl who was getting beaten up by her heroin-addict boyfriend. I was the only person in the world that she told, and I persuaded her to get help.

**Neck on the block:** I think Jonny Lee Miller is the most talented actor under 30 in this country. He has a tremendous reserve of talent. He keeps a lot hidden. >>