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# TOP TORY, COKE AND THE HOOKER

## She claims Shadow Chancellor took drugs

EXCLUSIVE



BY SARA NUWAR

CONSERVATIVE Shadow Chancellor George Osborne has been accused of taking cocaine with a hooker. The MP was pictured with dominatrix Natalie Rows, who says she saw him snort Class A drugs. Last night Tory leadership hopeful David Cameron's No 2 denied the claims but admitted knowing her. He confessed one of his best pals fathered her child and became a drug addict. Full story: Pages 4 & 5

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# PARTIES WITH A COCAINE SNORTING DOMINATRIX



POWER PLAY: Cameron (left) and Os

## Cameron's No.2 denies hooker's claim they took drugs together

BY KEITH GLADDIS & SARA NUWAR

**TOP** Tory George Osborne shared nights out with a drug-taking vice girl who helped turn his best pal into a hopeless addict.

The 34-year-old Shadow Chancellor partied with Natalie Rowe at her flat at Radcliffe Square in London's Chelsea and elsewhere.

Last night Natalie, using the name Jennifer Shackleton, claimed she looked on as Osborne and a pal of his took drugs together.

She said: "George and his friends wanted drugs... they used to snort it through rolled-up bits of white paper as bank notes were unhygienic."

"George would do lines (of cocaine) but didn't go crazy like the rest of them."

### Twist

But a Conservative Party spokesman, speaking for Osborne, said: "All these allegations are completely untrue. George Osborne has never had any physical relationship with this woman or with anyone connected with her. Nor has he ever taken drugs with her."

Nevertheless, news of their relationship is the latest twist to hit the Tory leadership contest.

David Cameron, one of the front-runners to take charge of the Conservatives, has been under intense pressure to reveal if he has

ever taken drugs. Cameron has refused to do so, claiming he was allowed to have a "private life before politics." But he has confessed that a close relative fought, and won, a battle against heroin.

And the revelation that Osborne, Cameron's closest political ally and campaign organiser, has his own controversial pal will add more pressure for the Tories to tell all.

For last night too, Osborne issued a statement in which he CONFIRMED knowing his friend.

her lover—had become an addict, but DENIED taking drugs with her. But he DID know she was a hooker and was a cocaine user.

The dad-of-two confessed: "It was a stark lesson to me at a young age of the destruc-

tion which drugs bring to so many people's lives."

But he would not deny seeing the hooker and his friend snort the drug, because, a close ally said, he claims he simply cannot remember.

At the party with Natalie Rowe, Osborne grips a camera, clutching a cigarette as they drop their arms around one another.

Hooker Rowe, Tory party officials have learned this week, claims that cocaine is just visible to the bottom right of the yellow vase which dominates a table littered with half-full wine glasses, empty bottles and, oddly, a Palmolive aerosol can.

A source also said that Rowe, who has convictions for possession with intent to supply a class A and B drug and for keeping a brothel, believes there just might be a small white line of cocaine at the bottom left of the table.

Rowe, added the source, also claimed drugs were snorted at

that party. Rowe, 42, also says it was Osborne, MP for Totton, who bought her the bouquet of flowers because she had just discovered she was pregnant.

A separate picture of the same night shows Osborne apparently dressed in a red-striped T-shirt.

Rowe has now attempted to sell her story and has made further shocking claims about Osborne. He strenuously denies them all.

These include the suggestion that she provided girls who attended parties for Osborne's group of friends.

A source close to the privileged circle in which Osborne moved explained: "Natalie ran an agency for 15 years called Black Bouffier supplying black hookers to rich people. There was a minimum fee of £350."

She was also called Mistress Pain. "She met a really close friend of George's at a restaurant. The man had just left Bristol University—in fact, he was just a few years ahead of

David Cameron's wife Samantha who also studied there." Another person who remembers Samantha during her university days is rap star Tricky (pictured below right), who had a massive hit in the 1990s with his album *Maxinquaye*.

Tricky, now 37, said: "I smoked pot in front of her (Samantha). I can't remember her smoking weed, but she didn't mind it. She never stopped me or gave me a lecture. She was pretty open-minded."

So were many of the circle Rowe would soon equal as her friends after meeting Osborne's pal. "They'd all just left university," the source added. "They'd see each other most weekends for about three years."

### Naughties

"Natalie was doing George's pal, and they were getting really close. Anyway, after a few months—this was in the early 90s—this pal found all her dominatrix stuff in a wardrobe and she confessed what she did. He seemed fine with this."

"In fact, he told all his friends. She says she was asked to supply girls to house parties but that's not true."

"She got on really well with George. She called it a 'silent fondness' which was quite sweet really. She reckoned he wasn't paid or obnoxious, like some of them."

"But it was George's friend who she slept with—and in 1994 she fell pregnant. Another of George's pals is



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**COCAINE**  
Natalie says this is the drug in front of her

**IS IT OR ISN'T IT?**  
Natalie thinks this is cocaine too

**BUSINESS PAIN?**  
THE HOOKER

**THE SHADOW CHANCELLOR**



**PARTY PALS:** Osborne (right) dances with a friend at Rowe's flat

godfather to her son, I believe. Anyway, the photo she has of George was taken just after she rolled and she was expecting in 1994. It was because she was pregnant that she insists she wasn't into drugs that night.

However, the source confirmed that Rowe insisted cocaine was taken by other partygoers that night - and other social gatherings of the group that Osborne attended.

Rowe and some of her other friends called the drugs 'naughtier'.

Another pal of the MP told us: "It was obvious Rowe was doing drugs and George's friend was involved."

"He can't say if they took drugs in his presence because he can't remember, but he's adamant he never took them with her. George and other friends became increasingly concerned about the relationship and the drugs. The situation was more complicated when she fell pregnant."

"George did remain friends with them for a while. But he denies that he took cocaine with her or that he had anything else to do with her in any way, shape or form."

"Natalie is an unrelatable woman. George has always believed she targeted his pal, who was only 21. George spent some time trying to help him."

"He isn't suggesting he didn't know this woman. He did. And though the picture shows them to be close, he can rebuttal

and his friends weren't at all pleased at the pregnancy. Sadly the friend's addiction became much worse. The relationship with Natalie fell apart. George was aware that she was a vice-girl. It was clear to him, not least as the friend told him. And he certainly doesn't remember buying her flowers. George has had contact with her twice since. On one occasion about seven or eight years ago she visited the flat he was sharing with the child's godfather.

"It was a brief visit. Then, a few months ago, she managed to call him direct and she told him that newspapers were pursuing him."

"He listened to what she had to say but didn't return her call. It was clear what she was attempting to do. This is a far-from-ideal situation but George believes strongly that he has done nothing wrong."

Osborne told the News of the World: "Twelve years ago a friend of mine went out with a woman called Natalie and they had a child together. I met them together occasionally in the summer of 1993, and it soon became clear that my friend had started to use drugs. He became more and more addicted, and I saw his life fall apart."

"With his other friends, I tried to persuade him to seek treatment. Eventually he did. After a long time in rehab, he has now recovered and put his life back together. I am very, very

proud of the battle he has fought and won. That is and always has been the sum total of my connection with this woman. It was a stark lesson to me at a young age of the destruction which drugs bring to so many people's lives. Ever since then I have believed that tough, realistic policies to tackle the evil of drugs should be one of the top priorities of any government."

"I now want to respect the privacy of my friend, who is now happily recovered and working full-time abroad, and the privacy of his young child. For the sake of that child I think we should leave them alone."

**Audience**

Osborne's and Cameron's refusal to talk widely about drugs came to the fore on TV's Question Time.

Answering the audience about any past indiscretions Mr Cameron said: "I haven't answered about drugs because I think that is all in the past and you don't have to answer it." He added: "I have made mistakes, but don't have to tell you about them."

Asked later if Mr Cameron's refusal indicated he had taken drugs, George Osborne said: "It's better for our party if we don't directly answer that question as individuals."

This weekend, rival David Davis (far left) insisted Cameron had to say whether he was a former drug user. He added if the answer was 'yes' then Cameron might not be fit to lead.

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# NEWS OF THE WORLD

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## Tories' fate is in your hands

TORY politicians hoping the drugs issue hitting their leadership race was waning are in for some more tough questions this week.

And rightly so. Shadow Chancellor George Osborne was a young man when he found himself caught up in, this murky world.

Osborne who runs party leadership hopeful David Cameron's campaign has now owned up to his encounters with a cocaine-snorting call-girl. And robustly condemns drugs for the destruction they wreak.

Like Cameron, the front-bench MP won't be drawn on whether he has taken drugs himself.

But remember, politicians make the laws. That's why we have the right to ask about their backgrounds—especially when they aspire to run our country.

And remember, too, that dabbling with cocaine is not a victimless crime, as some have claimed.

Last week we said that the Tory leadership is Cameron's for the taking. Nothing published since then has made us change our mind.

However, if David Cameron does succeed in his leadership bid it will be up to you to judge his conduct—and that of his team—at election time.

## Pay up now, Mr Blair

AFTER losing both legs in the July 7 bomb outrage, Martine Wright is waging the battle of her life.

Yet, as if that wasn't enough, with her future in tatters this brave young woman is having to fight for decent compensation as well.

On the very day we exposed the plight of casualties like Martine, and the bereaved relatives, Tony Blair promised action. So far Martine has been offered a miserably inadequate £55,000 for each leg.

Yesterday Fiona MacLaggan, a Home Office minister, feebly forecast a "consultation paper"... later this year.

This shameful snail's-pace response is pathetic. What's needed is compensation, not consultation.

It's time to get out the cheque book, Prime Minister.

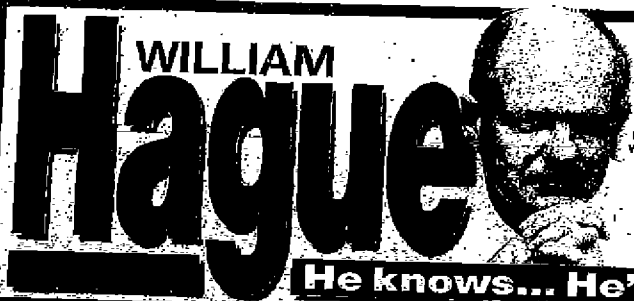
## Grab our streets back

ANTI-social behaviour orders were brought in to reclaim the streets from lawless hooligans who blight our lives.

But despite 24 million incidents reported each year, fewer than 5,000 thugs and tearaways have been handed Asbos in the last FIVE YEARS.

Reluctant chief constables must get cracking and send out their officers to tame the swaggering louts.

And make life better for us all.



WILLIAM

# Hague

He knows... He's been there

WE NOW have so many criminals in jail that 30,000 of them are going to be released only in order to make space. So now the sentences handed down in court, often laughed at in any case, are going to mean even less. We might as well just haul up the white flag and surrender to the criminal fraternity.

What about lengthening the sentences instead—an idea that people are less relaxed about going to jail in the first place?

# Give us a Maggie to sort this mess

## VOTE FAIR ON DRUGS

THERE are some good reasons for Tories to vote for David Cameron as the next party leader—like the fact that he is obviously able to do the job.

And some reasons not to—like his being inexperienced. And I know all about starting the job while inexperienced.

But even though I favour a much longer term in office for David Cameron, I can't believe people should be so against him because he may in any case have taken drugs at university. If every one would accept these things were done a few years ago, some party might have been formed up in the higher ranks of most professions.

APPARENTLY, the future method of disposing of all our bodies when we die will be to freeze-dry us—and then shove us until we collapse in a state of deep dust.

The trouble is that I can't think of any MPs who would already be in a heap of dust if you shook them. And others who'd actually wake up.

## A LICENCE TO ROB US

USUALLY, if the amount for something falls, the price of it may go down. That's true of most things, whether it's a car, a house or a banana. Only one organisation has found a way to defy this economic

law and charge people more and more even though lower and lower use it. Sleep forward the BSE was found to exist in the UK. It was all over the place by the time it was up to a fully £200. I've had the BSE since and they HAVE to live within the price limit.

HONG KONG harbour, 1987. Before the colony's historic handover to China, British politicians sat down to dinner on the royal yacht with the world's ambassadors.

The spectacular fireworks had been great entertainment but that night I had the joy of sitting at the same table as Margaret Thatcher and the representatives of the countries of South America.

You can't imagine how she reacted as they described their various problems of inflation, corruption, drug running and military coups. "Outstanding," she would say, and "it's high time someone got a grip."

## Bluntness

Eventually having heard it all, she said to them with un diplomatic bluntness: "The trouble with your countries is that you were not colonised by the British."

It tells you a lot about Margaret Thatcher, what she said this and what she said you even more about her is that none of the ambassadors dared to contradict her.

For whatever you thought about her as Prime Minister, she had a strong sense of what it means to be British and what role that gives us in the world.

Sorting out the trade unions, abolishing high tax rates and hav-

ing strong defences was, to her, all about making the most of Britain's great strengths.

But if a 21st century Thatcher came along today to sort us out and get us to make the most of being British, what would they get stuck into first?

Back in the 1970s our economy was being rapidly strangled by

a lot of people but there is no doubt it needs doing. CUT the jobs in the public sector every year for five years. SACK ministers and officials who preside over multi-billion-pound disasters and TELL the EU that any regulations not enforced in Italy or Greece are going in the dustbin here as well.

Then if we spent some of the money saved from this on building up our universities instead of losing out to America, encouraging innovation in industry so that we can keep on making things, and giving people a tax break for saving so that we are not all poor in our retirement, we could actually say that we Brits had a real advantage in the world again.

## Obvious

For two years there would be a huge fuss while people said we couldn't do all this, and ten years later everyone would admit that the need for it was blindingly obvious.

Will the new Tory leader, whoever that is, have the conviction to say we should do those things?

Or will Gordon Brown seize the Tory ground and do it himself?

Or, worst of all, will we just decide not to notice that we are being overtaken by American colleges and Chinese factories and do nothing about it?

Sadly, when they made Margaret Thatcher they didn't make another one.



## RACE YOU SHOULDN'T BET ON

WHERE we are, on a high state of alert for terrorist attacks and with CCTV cameras scanning the Tube stations, and a man in a top-flops menzies to walk 33 miles through the Channel Tunnel without anyone noticing.

There was apparently "a brief malfunction" of the surveillance systems—well, not so brief when this walk took 18 hours.

Only three months after the July 7 attacks. It is amazing how quickly people forget and grow complacent.

THOSE trying to predict the result of next week's secret ballot of Tory MPs sometimes think that if you ring them all up, ask how they'll vote and tot up the answers, you more or less get to the result. How little they know about politics!

There are five types of MPs who make fools of the pundits: THE ASSASSIN: He uses his vote on Tuesday to knock out the candidate he least wants, even if that means voting for another he doesn't want either—and then switches on Thursday to his real choice. THE CLOSET CONVERT: He thinks his friends will be amazed if he tells

them how he'll vote so keeps it secret, even from the person he is voting for. THE MOLE: This MP has been helping a candidate, is put off by seeing him at close quarters, but continues to pretend to be on that side so as not to give offence. THE BLOODY-MINDED: He sees all the predictions on the day and decides to enjoy mucking them up.

THE IDIOT: This one promises his support to several candidates, forgetting that they all perjure notes afterwards. So if you're off to the bookies, be careful!

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