

# COOTE NEWS 2000

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Lots of changes in 2000, notably I left the National AIDS Trust after nearly eight years, with my very own TYSON doll as a leaving present!

I have re-booted my own PR and marketing business SC&A with some interesting clients including the *Consumer Policy Institute* and the *Money Management Council*. They all need web sites and my experience is proving useful. The **GAYtoZ** web site really took off this year as more people in the UK start using the web and we are now getting over 250,000 hits every month and have over 200 advertisers.

This has allowed me to do deals with several other companies to share advertising positions and direct mail campaigns, and makes our web site the definitive source of information. The print edition has been re-designed as the UK's internet gay guide, and by perseverance are now one of the few web sites to make a profit! - [www.gaytoz.com](http://www.gaytoz.com)



Once again I went to the *Black Party* in New York earlier in the year and had a great time staying with my friend Bobby. Then in November Andrew and his mum, Vi, and me combined a cruise to the Bahamas with a week at the *Miami White Party*, held in the illuminated grounds of the Vizcaya Museum. Beautiful bodies arriving by motoryachts in fabulous outfits ... and me.



After

Thanksgiving with Vi's friends in Florida, we finished the trip via New York where we saw Elton John's AIDA and Lilly Tomlin, and bought a suitcase full of fairy lights.



I started the year with Hammy on *The Thames* at the Millennium party (where I got nearly run over by both

Tony Blair's car and the Queen's cavalcade). On the river again on friend Barry's boat called *My Willie*, we were amazed that they opened Tower Bridge as we sailed past. And quite right too.



Vi, Stephen and Andrew cruising the *Captain's Table* in the Bahamas



My new garden bench ... and there are now doors on the bathroom at last!!

May's family outing to the British Airways London Eye. Dad was in hospital recovering after heavy work in the garden!

Dad made a great recovery and went on to build a new patio, gazebo and two water features in their garden.

Left to right, standing: Tony with Tia, Myah, Pip, Toby, Stephen, Sarah, Mum, Andrew, Hannah, Ron, Anjela (another due February 2001), Richard, and Faye. Kneeling: Theo, Grace, Natasha, Oliver, Eldon and Peter.

