

Wedded festival bliss



Married with the mob: Mike and Lisa Whitlock adopt colourful dress for an unofficial wedding in the "Lost Vagueness" field and, right, Macy Gray performs

By **Humphrey Hunter** and **Nick Hackworth**

THIS year's Glastonbury was hailed today as the best in the festival's 33-year history.

More than 110,000 heard performances from REM, Radiohead, the Manic Street Preachers and Moby, as well as lesser-known bands among whom the biggest hits were American eccentrics the Flaming Lips. The weekend also saw a renaissance for Primal Scream and Super Furry Animals.

Alongside the music, a colourful mix of events included unofficial mass weddings in a field dubbed "Lost Vagueness". Mike and Lisa Whitlock were among many couples who took

Couples 'tie the knot' as 110,000 revellers enjoy best Glastonbury ever

part. She wore a somewhat unconventional fluorescent pink skirt and veil, while he wore a dinner jacket and bowtie, but no shirt. Festival-goers were only allowed into the casino nearby if they swapped their clothes for one of an array of costumes. The area was packed with can-can girls, transvestites, cabaret singers and absurd performance artists.

In the Greenfields area pressure groups

including Greenpeace, War on Want and Oxfam maintained a strong presence.

Across the 1,000-acre Somerset site, famous musicians mingled with the crowds. Oasis star Noel Gallagher strolled with girlfriend Sara McDonald. The atmosphere reflected the efforts of organisers to tackle the crime problems and complaints from locals which have dogged the event over the years. Shortly before the end of the festival, there had been 261 reported crimes — compared with 506 at the same stage last year, a fall of 48 per cent.

Even more impressively, for the first time there were no complaints of trouble from local residents in the village of Pilton. Organiser Michael Eavis said: "After 33 years we have finally got it right."

Stroll with it: Oasis star Noel Gallagher and girlfriend Sara McDonald roam the festival site

MORTGAGES

Our low rate isn't the only reason to remortgage.

- No valuation or legal fees • Free Mortgage Payment Protection Insurance
- Quick and easy to switch with our Takeaway Remortgage service
- Flexibility - overpay, underpay and draw down options

www.nationwide.co.uk 0800 30 20 10 or just call in. Nationwide. Proud to be different.



Tracker Mortgage
3.74%

2 YEAR TRACKER VARIABLE

4.6%

APR (VARIABLE)

OVERPAYMENTS ON TRACKERS ARE LIMITED TO £500 PER MONTH. TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE FREE MPPi (MORTGAGE PAYMENT PROTECTION INSURANCE) OFFER YOU MUST TAKE THE COVER OUT AT THE SAME TIME AS YOUR NEW NATIONWIDE MORTGAGE AND MEET OUR USUAL MPPi ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA. TYPICAL EXAMPLE ASSUMES BORROWERS TAKE OUT A NATIONWIDE 2 YEAR TRACKER CURRENTLY 3.74% (BANK BASE RATE MINUS 0.01%). A MINIMUM DEPOSIT OF 25% IS REQUIRED FOR THIS RATE. BASED ON AN £80,000 REPAYMENT MORTGAGE OVER 25 YEARS ON A PURCHASE PRICE OF £120,000, 24 MONTHLY PAYMENTS OF £410.87 FOLLOWED BY 276 MONTHLY PAYMENTS OF £448.12 WILL BE REQUIRED. 4.6% APR (VARIABLE). APR ASSUMES A 25 YEAR TERM. TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE (TAP) WILL BE £133,998, WHICH INCLUDES 300 MORTGAGE INTEREST PAYMENTS AND A RESERVATION FEE OF £185. APR QUOTED ASSUMES THAT COMPLETION TAKES PLACE ON THE 1ST OF THE MONTH AND ALL MONTHLY PAYMENTS TAKE PLACE ON THE 28TH OF THE MONTH. MORTGAGES ARE SUBJECT TO STATUS, VALUATION AND SECURITY. AVAILABLE TO THOSE AGED 18 OR OVER ONLY. WRITTEN QUOTATIONS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST. CALLS RECORDED. NATIONWIDE SUBSCRIBES TO THE BANKING AND MORTGAGE CODES, COPIES OF WHICH ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST. IF WE CANNOT SETTLE A COMPLAINT TO YOUR SATISFACTION THROUGH OUR INTERNAL COMPLAINT PROCEDURE YOU MAY REFER TO THE FINANCIAL OMBUDSMAN SERVICE. SECURITY WILL BE REQUIRED ON PROPERTY.

YOUR HOME IS AT RISK IF YOU DO NOT KEEP UP REPAYMENTS ON A MORTGAGE OR OTHER LOAN SECURED ON IT