



Above: Dickie Felton, 35, from Liverpool, is releasing his new book, *The Day I Met Morrissey*, to coincide with Morrissey's 50th: "It presents the experiences of his most obsessive fans – people who travel the world, hang around the stage door hours before a gig, or visit his mother's house in the hope of speaking to their idol." Dickie is no stranger to Moz Mania himself: "He signed my arm in Michigan and I got it tattooed straight afterwards – my wife was none too happy." www.thedayimetmorrissey.com

Right (at front): Craig Gill, 37 – better known as the Inspiral Carpets' drummer – hosts "MozBus" tours with Morrissey biographer Phil Gatenby, 46 (back). Over the birthday weekend they will ferry Smiths fans across Manchester, taking in such lyrically resonant landmarks as the Iron Bridge and Salford Lads' Club: "Sometimes genuine Salford lads will pose for photos." Gatenby encourages passengers to chat, "so no one has to stand on their own, and leave on their own". Compared to touring with the Carpets, Craig finds the MozBus trips "shorter, and not so full of sweaty socks".

