

men WHO LOVE BIG women

Western society may suggest that slim is attractive. But not all women want to be stick-thin and plenty of men prefer their curves. Chris Morris visits the club that celebrates big, beautiful women to meet three voluptuous ladies and the men who adore them. Photographs by Zed Nelson

Zara Game, 41, and Martyn Gordon, 42, from Essex, have been together three years and each have two children from previous marriages. Zara runs www.zara-uk.com clothing for larger women and Martyn is a warehouse man.

Martyn: 'Zara and I met through an online chat room. She didn't mention her size and I had no reason to tell her I liked larger women. I first discovered the Big Beautiful Women (BBW) scene on the Net, too. I found out about parties for larger women, where they could go and dress up, knowing that men like me who have a preference for bigger women would be there. 'I started going to the BBW parties when my marriage broke down after fourteen years, and I was single again. My wife was an average size 14, and although it wasn't a problem to start with, it became one. I'd see big women and wonder what it would be like with them. When you're a teenager, you're conditioned into ▷



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< liking Page Three types, but as you get older, you have to be honest with yourself.

It's the general presence of a larger woman that I like, not just the feel of a fuller figure. I'm from a stable home and my mother wasn't large, but there is a maternal quality to big girls. With my first wife, I was in charge of everything. When we split, I was looking for motherly love and I found that in Zara.

I'm 6ft and thirteen and a half stone, but Zara is in charge – even in the bedroom. I prefer sex with larger women. They're voluptuous and I find that more attractive. Also, I don't feel like I'm going to break them.

I introduced Zara to the BBW scene. I'm faithful, but I'm like a kid in a sweet shop at the parties. I buy her sexy lingerie occasionally – she looks great in a PVC corset – but I don't get jealous that she gets so much attention. In fact, I think it's great that men look at her.

I'd say 70 per cent of my sexual desire is for larger women so that would be classed as a fetish, but I'm not as extreme as some. There are men called feeders who feed women to make them bigger, but I'd never go that far. I wouldn't encourage Zara to lose or gain weight. She is confident and happy as she is and that is how I like her. We are soulmates.'

Zara: 'When I met Martyn, I had no idea he liked big women. At the time, I was 26 stone. I'd got tired of the pressure to be slim and decided to be happy at the weight I was.'

My weight wasn't an issue for me. I'm from a loving family and although I'd tried dieting in my teens, deep down I felt confident and secure enough not to worry about my size.

After a few dates, Martyn told me about the BBW parties, which celebrate the larger woman. That was the first time I realised he actually preferred women like me.

I don't mother Martyn, but I do boss him around. He likes being submissive and I've always been dominant, perhaps because of my size, but I think I'd be the same at size 10.

We've been to six parties in the last two years. Martyn is quite shy, but he really lets his hair down. Some women go over the top, dancing on chairs and flashing their boobs. I don't feel jealous, because I know Martyn will come home with me. I've made more friends my size through the parties, but I'm not sure they've changed me. I'm surprised to learn how much they worry about their weight. It's great there is somewhere like Curve [a BBW club night held in Reading] to be themselves, but I don't know why they felt uncomfortable dancing in the first place.'



Right and below right: Tony has always been attracted to larger women

Tony Martin, 25, is a plumber. He lives with his parents in Croydon.

'Even at school, I'd go for the bigger girls. If my friends saw a large woman in a pub, they'd joke, "There you go, Tony. She'll do you." I've slept with about 25 women in my life and, of those, about twenty have been overweight. It's not that I don't have any success with average-size girls – it's because larger women turn me on.'

'Before I discovered the big women scene three years ago, I did wonder if my preference was strange. The rest of society seemed to value being slim and implied it was bad to be fat. But I'd always suspected that I wasn't alone in liking bigger women and sure enough, I discovered a whole community of fat admirers, as we're known, through the Internet. It's not about being overpowered or mothered. It just feels right and it's what I'm attracted to.'



'I went to my first BBW party in London in October 2001 and it was like all my Christmases had come at once – beautiful, big women in basques and tight dresses. I went home with a few phone numbers.'

'I went to a second party in Boston, America, as I have a friend over there. In the States, the women are generally >

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< a lot bigger, and some are nearly 40 stone. Some fat admirers deliberately go out to sleep with the biggest woman they can. I don't disapprove, but it does nothing for me.

I like the softness, the curvaceousness and the feeling of being engulfed when you make love to a large woman – especially if she's on top. Some positions are tricky, like standing up, but in general, size doesn't restrict sex.

There are women who still have insecurities about their weight. One 25 stone girl I went out with was embarrassed to meet my friends. All I could do is tell her I found her attractive. I once dated a women over 30 stone and I had to check out restaurants before we went to make sure she could fit in the chairs. Society is generally derogatory about larger people. They think they are lazy or eat too much. But there are all sorts of reasons why people are big – glands, being diabetic, genetics, or just being happy that way. The majority, though, don't have health problems. Some men like blondes or brunettes – I like large women, simple as that.'



Jen, right, has been to about fifteen BBW parties, left

Jen Pearson, 30, from Burton-on-Trent, is single. She has four children from her previous relationship.

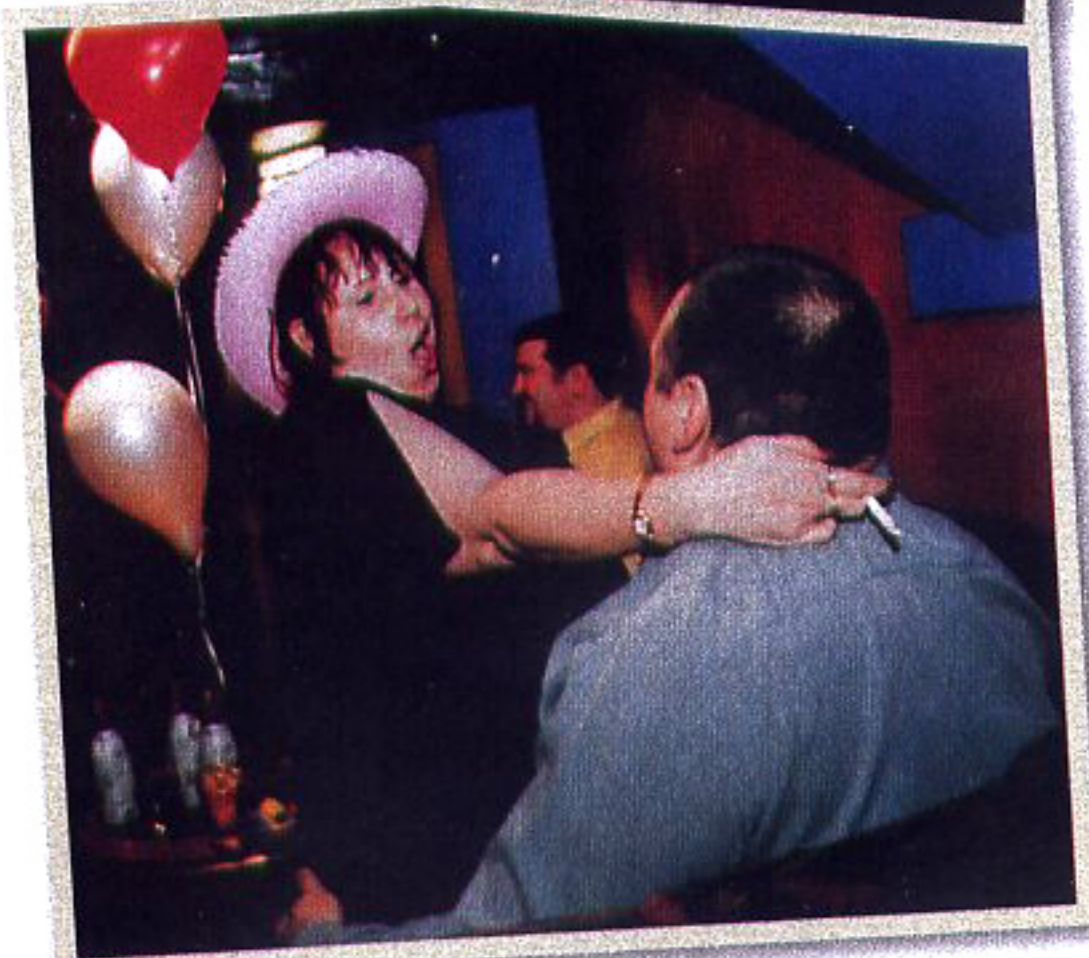
'People say I'm a one-woman party. I'm the Queen of "My God! Look what she's wearing!", but I wear thigh-high boots and corsets because I feel good in them. I've always struggled with my weight. I'm a size 20-22 now. At ten years old, I was a size 14 and the boys would sing the Bad Manners song *Lip Up Fatty* and reduce me to tears. I tried loads of diets, but two years ago, I thought, "Sod it. Dieting just makes you miserable."

'I found a chatroom on the Web called Big Beautiful Women and thought it'd be fun to go to a party. It was in Skegness in 2001 and

I wore trousers and a long jacket to hide the bulges. When I walked in and saw women in PVC dresses, I wished I'd been more daring. I'd shied away from sex in the past, but that night I ended up in bed with a nineteen-year-old virgin. When I undressed, he was in awe. It was the first time I felt somebody really loved my body. I felt like a goddess.'

'I wore a corset and a see-through top to the next party. I was bought drinks all night. Now if someone makes fun, I think "Who cares?" I've had my fair share of men from the fifteen or so parties I've been to. Being fat doesn't mean we have to have the skinny women's leftovers. Some men just adore big women.'

'God forbid that a skinny woman should walk into a BBW party. The evil stares would be >



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◁ enough to send her packing. I don’t resent thin women but these parties are our domain.

‘Last year, I worked as a kind of Bunny Girl – a Cuddly Kitten – at a London club called Big Girl’s Paradise. I asked men why they liked large women and most said because we have big personalities. A lot of big women like being funny, because if people are laughing, they’re not looking at your body. But some men said it was because we’re more adventurous in bed. I’ve become more sexually liberated – I’m happy going to fetish clubs or swingers’ parties.

‘I only really date now, rather than have one-night stands. At heart, I’m still a country girl who dreams of settling down. Now I don’t have to worry about my size getting in the way.’

Tracey Carr, 35, an IT project manager from Bristol, is single. She runs BBW parties at Reading’s Mill nightclub and set up www.curve-uk.com.

‘Recently, I stayed at a hotel with a man I’ve been dating. We were in bed when suddenly it collapsed. At one time, I probably wouldn’t have seen the man again because I’d have been so humiliated. But this time, I burst out laughing. I knew my date liked big women and the bed breaking was a turn-on for him.

‘I’m off the scale with clothes, but I was 30 when I realised I could be happy at my weight. I’ve always been big. I wouldn’t say I overeat and my family are average size. I’ve tried diets, and lost a few stone, only to put it back on.

‘I’d dated men before then but always thought they liked me in spite of my weight, rather than because of it. Then, one day, someone left flowers on my car. I thought it was a wind-up – he was gorgeous! But we went out and got on really well. “Even if we



Tracey, right, organised the Curve launch party in Reading, left



hadn’t,” he said, “you’d still be eye candy.” I was gobsmacked. Me? Eye candy? We saw each other for a year and he showed me the BBW website. Suddenly, I discovered hundreds of women all sharing the same insecurities.

‘As a big person, you’re made to feel like a second-class citizen, having to worry about things like if you’ll fit in the dentist’s chair. But since the parties, I’ve been picked up in Ferraris and Porsches – sometimes only to discover I couldn’t get in them! My confidence has just grown and grown. At normal clubs, it’s easy to lose your sexual identity because the majority of blokes don’t fancy you. They are polite, but they don’t flirt. The worst any man can make you feel is grateful. Once,

I turned down a date and the man said, “You should think yourself lucky you were asked.”

‘The parties gave me the chance to flaunt my body and be as proud of it as a woman who spends twenty hours a week down the gym.

‘At the parties, it’s easy to overdo it at first and go out with every man who flatters you. You feel instantly sexy and are aware of the power you have. You learn to pick and choose.

‘We say the men are “in” or “out” because some want to sleep with you but won’t go out with you in public. It takes a strong man to admit he likes large women. I realise that there are health risks at my weight, but if it’s a choice between being happy and worrying about calories all my life, I’ll choose happy.’ ■