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## A Clash With Scon & Roadent of the Sex Pistols! Subject of the Passion's song



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**SCON from Coventry became the infamous Roadent with Clash and The Sex Pistols and was the actor who inadvertently inspired the Passion's song *I'm in Love with a German Film Star* and *Gangsters* by *The Specials***

[Roadent - films](#) (Check out his German Films)

Earlier on this site I mentioned a young man named **Scon**



[TREV sketch by scon/ roadent Cov 1972 by LADY GODIVA](#)

(Steve Connelley - AKA **Roadent** - with Clash and Sex Pistols) with whom I hung out with in bohemian days (1972) in Coventry cafes, writing poetry, discussing state of the world, sketching and networking. Scon was the first in Cov to dye his hair green! In 1972 he sketched me playing guitar on the Lady Godiva statue which I now use on My My Space site. See [here](#) for details so I don't have to repeat it all.

**Kev Harrison (Isotope / Urge)**

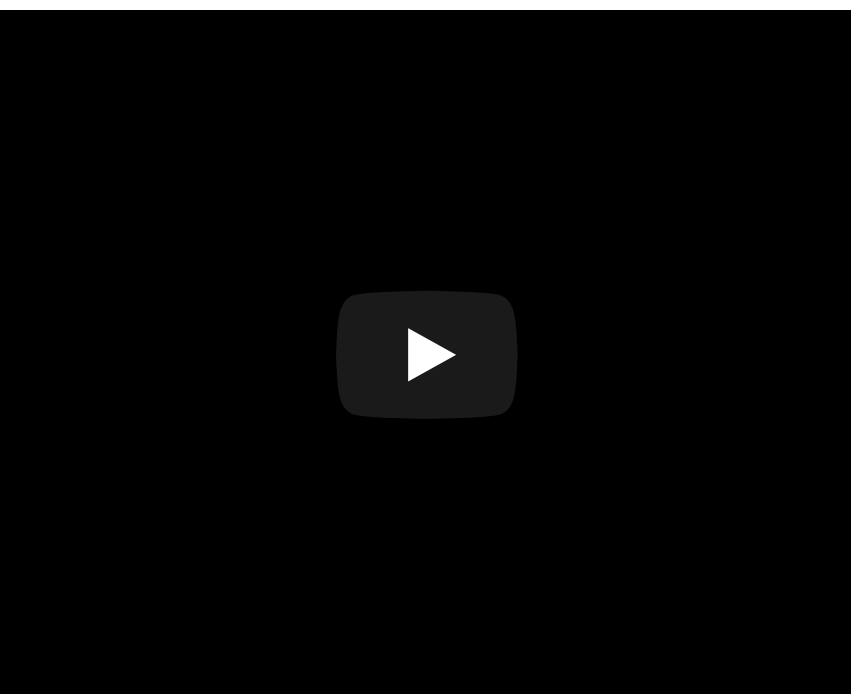
commented that Scon was later known as **Ratty Roadent** and roadiied with the **Clash**. Last time I saw him was the late 70's - I think at the Belgrade Theatre or the Lanch Poly. After that intense period in 1972 - I only saw him around from

time to time at this and that place in Cov.

Scon found the Hobo site and sent a message outlining some of the interesting things he's got up to.

Here's what he has to say -

"It is true I did work for the **Clash**, used to live in the rehearsal room with Joe

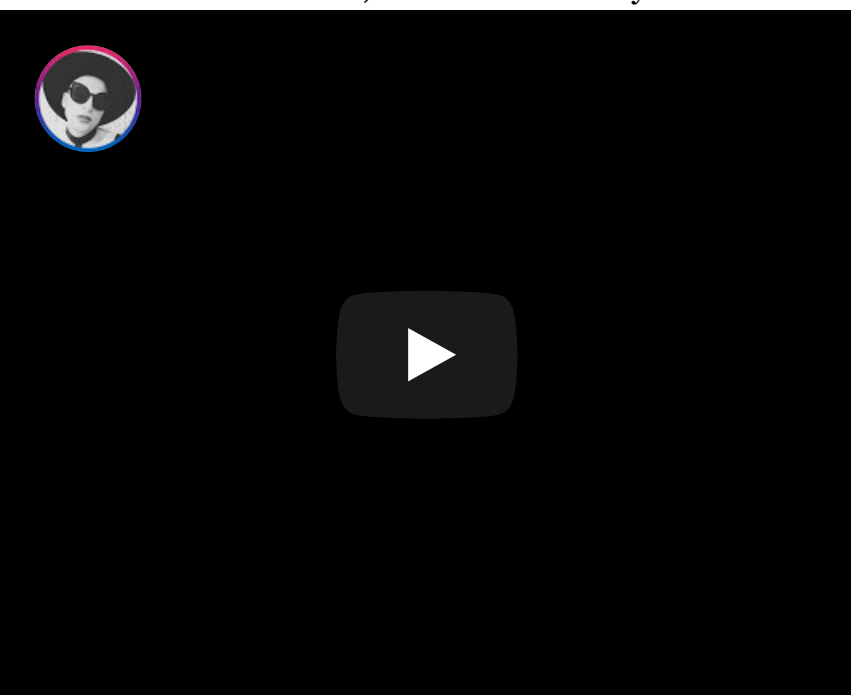


The Clash - London Calling (sound edited)

& Paul '76/'77, until musical differences between me and Mick left to my departure just after "White Man..." was released.

Then I moved from one rehearsal room to another — The **Sex Pistols**. What times we had.

After the Pistols demise, I fled to Germany and had a couple of years acting



Sex Pistols - Anarchy in the UK (Studio Version)

for german tv — high point... The

Passions song "*I'm in Love with a German Film Star*" was written about me, you might remember it.

£ 5,000 a month was too much for my liver (that was quite a lot in the early eighties), so I drifted back to "RocknRoll" as a mercenary, journeyman, technician doing onstage sound for: **Pretenders, Understones, stiff little fingers, UB40, PIL, Elkie Brooks, Earth Wind & Fire, Bob Marley, ABC, Bob Dylan, Barbara Dickson (Zal Clemonson of SAHB was in her band!)** amongst others.



So you see that early grounding in an unconventional lifestyle, living in the **Wimpy**, stood me in good stead



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*(Roadent / Steve Connely / Scon etc is in the red dotted shirt - Clash days)*

Is there anybody else still around from that coventry thing? (good to see the enemy doing well). I was up there, earlier this year. The place seemed quite different, the city centre banging with loud, indifferent, banging music and terrifying totty on the pull. Reminded me of Newcastle. Where does everybody go?

Although I don't blog (don't see the point) I will keep a beady on your site for future newsyness.

Your humble servant

Algernon Aloysius St.John-Cholmondeley-Featherstonehaugh

Formerly "Scon"

Also known as "Roadent"

From the web .....

### **facts about The Song I'm in Love with a German Film Star:**

1. Contrary to popular belief, the German Film Star referred to in the song is not Klaus Kinski, Bruno Ganz,



Roadentwomeninpunkjanesuckand%20roadent

Rutger Hauer or even Marlene Deitrich! In fact he was neither German nor a star but a certain **Steve Connelly, aka Roadent**, one time roadie for the Clash. However, rumour has it that he did actually appear in a German film at some point.

Roadent - wrote in the comments -

Whilst working for the Clash I had been interviewed for a german documentary "Punk in London" After the demise of the Sex Pistols the director of that documentaru contacted me and asked if I would like to be in a tv show for german TV " Brennende Langeweile" (burning boredom) featuring The Adverts. It was shite but as I had no means of supporting myself I took the part. After I stayed in Germany, moving to Munich, where I got more work acting for German TV, I always thought I was a crap actor, but they were willing to pay me up to 20,000 marks (around £5,000) a month — who was I to refuse. The biggest film was Das Ding (The Heist) in which me and four mates from the german army stole 250,000,000 marks, but all in %mark pieces. The film was directed by Uli Edel who later went on to direct an equally bad actor — Madonna. I have always been touched by the idea of a song written about me, but not so sure about the Foo Fighters doing the same.

Steve Connelly has now given us the real story behind his German film career, see the guestbook Roadent on the Passions Guestbook (*Pic above shows Scon / Roadent in his younger - Coventry days 1972*)

## **ROADENT BACK IN COVENTRY 2009 AS PART OF THE TWO TONE CELEBRATIONS**



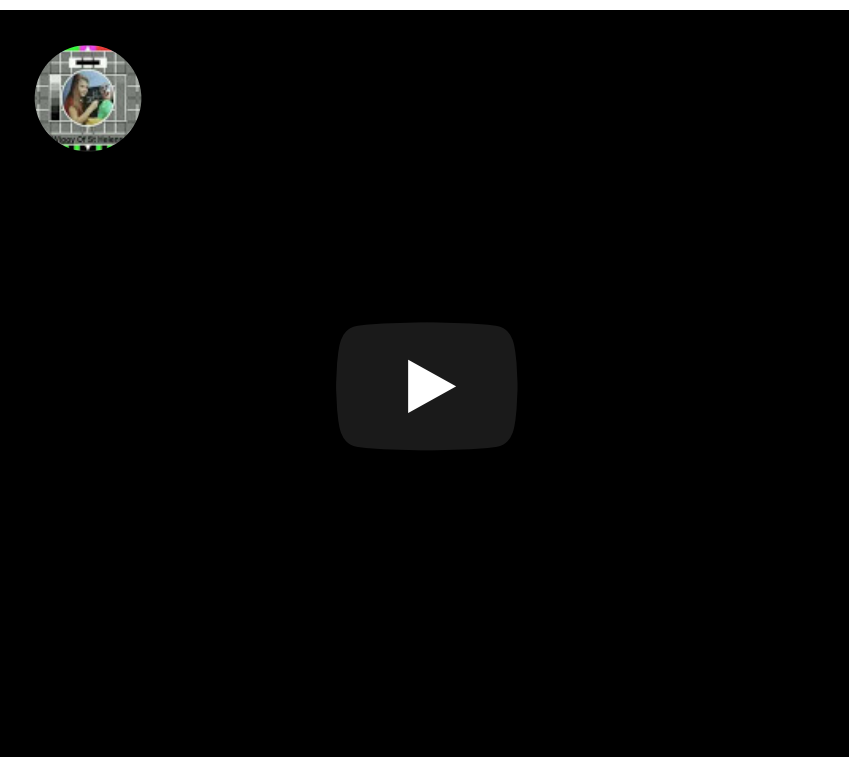
Pete chambers with Roadent

Roadent back in Coventry in November 2009 for the placing of a plaque on



### Pete Chambers and Roadent Two Tone Plaque Mr Georges

Mr George's Nightclub as part of the Two Tone Trail with Pete Chambers. Roadent introduced The Specials to Bernie Rhodes (subject of their first single Gangsters). So that's two songs Roadent's inadvertently inspired.



The Special AKA - Gangsters [totp2]

### **I'M IN LOVE WITH A GERMAN FILM STAR - THE PASSIONS**

I'm in love with a German film star  
I once saw in a bar  
Sitting in a corner in imperfect clothes  
Trying not to pose  
For the cameras and the girls  
It's a glamorous world

I'm in love with a German film star  
I once saw in a movie

Playing the part of a real troublemaker  
But I didn't care  
It really moved me, it really moved me  
  
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