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Vic works part-time at a company dealing in employee relations and spends her afternoons writing.

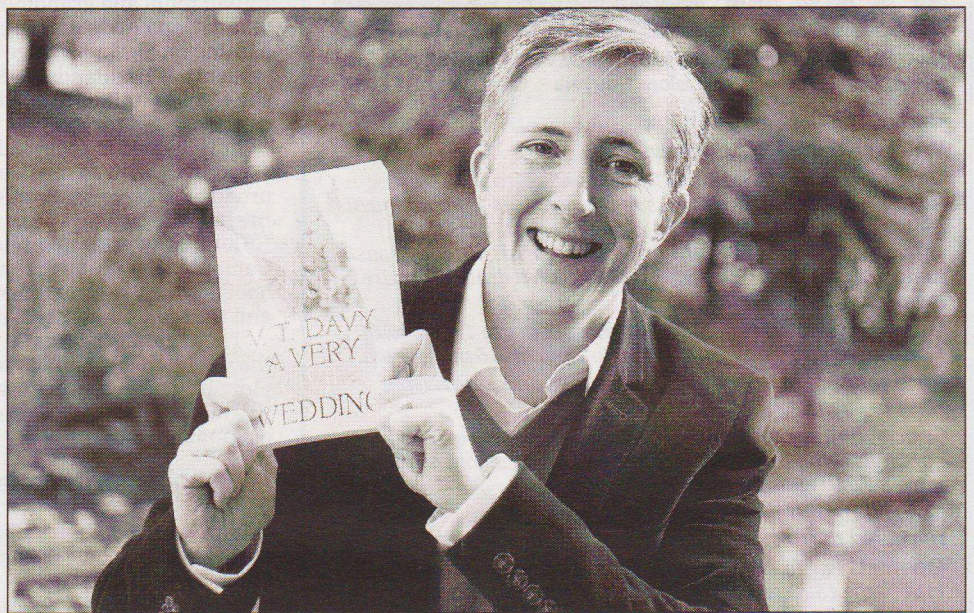
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In her spare time she writes a blog about issues that affect the lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender community. She enjoys being a cricket umpire and decorating celebration cakes. Vic has set up her own publishing company and her book is currently available on Amazon.

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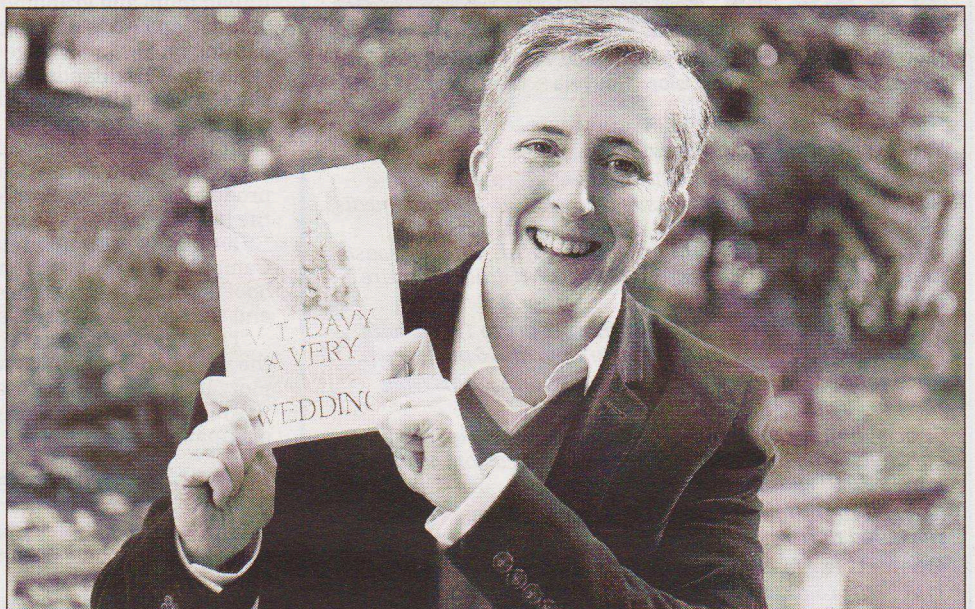
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