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# Have you heard the NEWS



*"There's Good Rocking Tonight"*

News letter for members of the Official Elvis Presley Fan Club, Elvis-Aberdeen.

## Elvis Aberdeen - Today, Tomorrow & Forever

There are often comments from fan club members on various issues from what they want to see and do on Elvis Nights, to what trips they would like to go on. So perhaps the time is right for fans to have the opportunity to write to us, or email or even now contact us on our Facebook page (see below). There is now a good opportunity for you, the members to make your views known to the Committee in order that we can improve the club and run it the way you want us to.

There is still the possibility of a Memphis Trip in 2011, however there have not been a large number yet who have expressed an interest. This may be due to the uncertainty over cost, so in the next month or two we should be able to give you a reasonably accurate costing if this trip is going to go ahead.

In addition, the club is always looking out for contributions to this newsletter so anyone who would like to write something for inclusion in the monthly newsletter should go ahead as all contributions would be gratefully received.

The Committee members are also all available on the Elvis nights for any comments or suggestions you have. Please see myself (Richard), Tracey, Bill, Ann, Steve or Morag and let us know what you think. Have you seen anything in the Elvis World you would like to share with us, or alternatively tell us how you feel about Elvis, how did you first get into Elvis' music? It could be anything, and it could be you!

## Facebook: Elvis-Aberdeen, The Official Elvis Presley Fan Club

### BBC Radio 2 Plans Elvis Presley Hyde Park Concert

BBC Radio 2 is planning a major concert in Hyde Park to celebrate the life and music of Elvis Presley. Details of the event have still to be confirmed by the broadcaster, but it is understood the concert - which is being held to mark what would have been Presley's 75th birthday - will be hosted in Hyde Park this September.

It will feature an array of musical talent performing hits from Presley's career. Earlier this year, Radio 2 broadcast a season of documentaries to mark what would have been Presley's 75th birthday, and a source close to the network said the idea behind the Hyde Park event is to conclude the celebrations.

The source said: "If Elvis had lived he would have been 75 this year. Radio 2 had a big Elvis season in January and the event in Hyde Park will be an Elvis night featuring all of his songs and back catalogue."

The Elvis concert follows last year's Radio 2 Abba celebration in Hyde Park, which featured performances from Kylie Minogue, and 2008's celebration of Andrew Lloyd Webber's music. It is being produced by Anthony Cherry.

A spokeswoman for Radio 2 said the broadcaster was not currently able to "confirm any details".

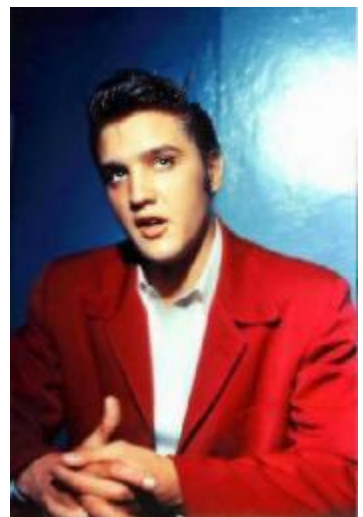
We may well get the chance to see 'stars' such as JLS and Cheryl Cole perform Elvis' Hits, a great celebration of a legend I think not. If Westlife appear someone will have to get me a gun...

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### Elvis Trivia

Elvis memorized every line from *Patton*, the movie for which George C. Scott won the Academy Award for best actor and famously refused to accept it.



## Elvis' Palm Springs Home—'Graceland West'



Los Angeles based investment and media company Saint Juste International has agreed to buy an equity stake in Kings Holdings, the parent company that operates Elvis Presley's former estate in Palm Springs, California, for \$11 million U.S. Dollars.

The Presley Estate was the only other property Elvis owned besides Graceland when he passed away in 1977. The New York Times (2007) deemed the sprawling 5,500 square foot mansion situated high on a 3 acre hilltop with 40 mile views of the desert mountains as "Graceland West." Elvis lived in this iconic and historic gated compound for 7 ½ years, second only to Graceland in terms of the time "The King" called this his home.

The hilltop mansion was closed to the public for 27 years until Reno Fontana and his wife Laura Whittier purchased the property in 2004. After 5 years of pursuing a business license, they were awarded for their efforts by being honored with the first event home permit #001 ever issued by the City of Palm Springs, which allows them to promote the estate as a commercial venue. The Presley Estate is a commercially licensed enterprise located in a residential area of multi-million dollar homes and has the very real potential of mirroring a significant portion of Graceland's \$50 Million Dollar annual revenue.

Saint Juste and Fontana were introduced to one another through mutual acquaintances in 2007. "I immediately recognized the enormous potential of the Presley property when Reno shared his vision of a West coast Elvis tourist destination" says Saint Juste. Mark Saint Juste is also participating with Kings Holdings in the purchase of one of the largest motor sport facilities in the state of Indiana. It wasn't

long after that Saint Juste decided to invest in the business plan and vision that Reno had shared with him. SJI structured a private placement bond offering that had the initial misfortune of being issued in October of 2008, just prior to the collapse of the worldwide financial markets. Additionally, 2009 proved to be a challenge for most investors as well. Undaunted Saint Juste continued to invest the necessary capital to ensure that Fontana/Whittier would see their dream of materialize.

After receiving the final instalment of investment capital through Saint Juste International, Fontana/Whittier intend to complete the final decoration of the home in "true Elvis style." They will build a chapel, a recording studio, and feature a collection of Elvis memorabilia that cannot be found anywhere else in the world.

The Fontanas will strive to respect the Elvis and Priscilla Presley's "life and times at this home in a manner that is dignified and inspirational." The preservation of the Elvis Estate is a sound business venture and a positive contribution to our society because of the historical significance of this global icons home.

Source: [www.google.com](http://www.google.com)

### Lanskys Book due out at the end of May

Lansky Bros., the store with its beginnings on famous Beale Street in Downtown Memphis is proud to announce the release of their first book, "Lansky Brothers: Clothier to the King". The 144-page hardcover book is scheduled to be released at the end of May. Customers and friends from around the world have been asking the Lansky family for years to see vintage pictures and detailed stories.

The book chronicles nearly sixty-five years of the history of the Lansky's business in Downtown Memphis with three generations telling its story. Lansky Brothers started with a humble beginning when brothers, Bernard and Guy, purchased a second-hand store on the corner of Beale and Second Street. The shop's evolution is shown in detail as the photographs and stories span decades and takes us through quite a few fashion cycles. The Lansky family shares in depth how they became the Clothier to the King and details of their most famous customer, Elvis Presley. The book features never before seen photographs of Elvis in the Lansky store. Lansky Bros. was the store that defined the pink and black colours of the 1950s. And, over the course of the past six decades has changed fashion directions. Currently, the Lansky presence can be found in the lobby of the famous Peabody Hotel in Downtown Memphis. This could be an interesting book given Lansky's historical significance in the downtown Memphis area. One to look out for.

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**Next Dance: Friday 4th June**