

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 Can Make a Difference

I was speaking to a work colleague about Elvis (surprise surprise), when she asked if it was Elvis-Aberdeen that donated the money to the physiotherapy department at the hospital. I told her it was then asked her why she had asked.

Her baby boy Dylan was born on 1st October and seemed fine, but 12 hours later he was rushed to neonatal. He suffered multiple seizures and scans revealed a large bleed on the brain. They were in Aberdeen for weeks with a variety of things going wrong. He had to be transferred to Edinburgh where he was treated for Hydrocephalus (as a result of the bleed in the brain). They faced more problems and were told to expect the worst. He has been diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy as a result of the bleed, and it seems to be the left side of his body that has been affected. Dylan struggles with his left hand but it does work and he is getting there. He struggled to sit up on his own but the Bumbo has helped him to now achieve this (**see photo**). Susan got to borrow this to help strengthen Dylan's core tummy muscles and just give him a chance to do things in an upright position. He really loved sitting in it and now he is able to sit up on his own. They are very grateful to the physiotherapy department for lending out such equipment.



He is a very happy wee boy and I am so happy to see some of the money that the club has raised go to help someone I know.

Susan, Dylan's mum wants to say in the words of Elvis – Thank you very much.

Story by Morag Fraser.

Elvis—Aberdeen Charitable Donations

As you can see from the story above, it is not too difficult to see that the club can make a difference to charities or individuals who require financial help to provide help to those of us less fortunate than ourselves. It is with this in mind that I would like to ask all members to let us know if they are aware of any worthy cause that the Club could make it's next donation to.

All we ask is that it is a local cause, or personal to each member. It may be someone you know who requires funding for a wheelchair or a baby who requires special equipment. Any ideas would be welcome and will be reviewed by the Committee before deciding where this year's funds go. Thank you.

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Elvis Trivia

During June 9-11, 1972, entertainment history is made as Elvis, in advance, sells out all four engagements at Madison Square Garden. Among the 80,000 attendees were John Lennon, George Harrison, David Bowie, Bob Dylan and Art Gurfunkel. His stirring rendition of "An American Trilogy" was a highlight. Surprisingly, this was Elvis' first live concert in New York City.



Elvis On Tour—review

I was very keen to unwrap my Blu-Ray version of Elvis On Tour when it arrived, and although I was slightly disappointed that 'Johnny B Goode' has been replaced by 'Don't Be Cruel' at the very start due to contractual difficulties, I was very impressed by the picture quality. It was great to see Elvis looking as cool as ever on screen with an improved picture quality. I viewed an old version of the movie just to reassure myself that there was an improvement and it was very clear to see the difference. Highly recommended then, but then again, isn't anything with Elvis recommended. Ok perhaps not, ducks and soap come to mind...

July Rock n' Roll Night Success

We are absolutely delighted to announce that the recent Rock n'Roll Night on 16th July raised **£387** which Garry Leiper has given to us to include in our next Elvis Aberdeen Charitable Donation.

This was a fantastic achievement and we would like to express our gratitude to Garry and all of those who helped out on the night for the wonderful job they did to raise this amount of money.

Radio 2 Confirms Elvis Concert

BBC Radio 2 has confirmed it is to host a concert in Hyde Park paying tribute to Elvis Presley.

As revealed exclusively by The Stage in May, Elvis Forever will take place this September and is being held to mark his 75th birthday, which would have been this year. The event will be held on September 12 and is being hosted by Chris Evans.

Radio 2 promised it will "bring together some of the greatest names in pop and rock music to perform his best loved and most popular songs". The line-up of performers at Elvis Forever will be announced shortly.

Evans said: "As the Radio 2 audience knows, I am a huge Elvis fan and it's an honour to host such a celebration of the enduring appeal of his music." Elvis Forever will be broadcast live on Radio 2, and the station's website will feature exclusive backstage footage and interviews from the event.

Lewis Carnie, Radio 2 head of programming, said: "Elvis's music has an enduring appeal to Radio 2 listeners of all ages, so I'm thrilled that our friends at Graceland in Memphis are working with us on this event." Radio 2's Elvis Forever concert follows last year's event, Thank You for the Music... A Celebration of the Music of Abba, which featured Kylie Minogue, Lulu and Chaka Khan.

Source: The Stage

The Prince Pays Tribute to The King

Prince Albert of Monaco, son of the late actress Grace Kelly, and fiancé Charlene Wittstock were vacationing in the United States recently and paid a visit to American royalty today when they toured Elvis' Graceland mansion in Memphis, home to the undisputed King of Rock 'n' Roll.

The couple visited Presley's historic home and also paid their respects to Presley at his grave located in Graceland's Meditation Garden. Prior to the tour of Graceland, the couple was treated to a traditional Southern meal which included Bar-B-Q, as Memphis is known as the Bar-B-Q capital of the world.

When asked about why Memphis and Graceland were selected as part of the itinerary for an American vacation tour, Prince Albert of Monaco commented, 'If you're on a summer holiday, you've got to come at this time of year. I've always wanted to come to Graceland. Charlene and my friends wanted to be here today for this visit, Elvis touched our lives as well and the lives of so many people. We wanted to pay our respects'.

The Prince's marriage to Wittstock next summer will be the first of a sitting prince since Albert's father, Rainier III, married actress Grace Kelly in 1956. The prince and his princess-to-be, an Olympic swimmer from South Africa, will wed in July of 2011 in a ceremony that will reportedly take place inside the Prince's 235-room palace. Elvis Presley's Graceland in comparison sits on 13 acres with 38 rooms with 20-thousand plus square feet. Annually, Graceland draws 600,000 visitors from all over the world who tour the music icon's Memphis mansion.

Following the tour of Graceland, Prince Albert of Monaco went on to praise Elvis for his contributions to the entertainment industry and charitable causes. 'He was an extraordinary figure of his time and our time. His legacy was tremendous in terms of the music he created, his films, and in terms of him as an entertainment personality. The generosity that he showed toward others is simply remarkable and I think it's these aspects of his character, his persona, that make him such a special person'.

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Next Dance: Friday 3rd September