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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 In London In 1958?

Did Elvis set foot on English soil after all? Theatre producer Bill Kenwright claimed the rocker went sightseeing with Cockney singer Tommy Steele during a trip that took in the Houses of Parliament. It has always been thought the nearest Elvis came to visiting England was a brief 1960 stopover at Prestwick airport in Scotland on his way home from his army base in Germany. But 62-year-old Kenwright insisted the US legend arrived here in the mid-50s for his trip around the capital and even sparked up a long-standing friendship with Tommy. He told Radio 2's Ken Bruce: "Shall I tell you a little story I know and you don't know and nobody knows? "Elvis came to England. Nobody thinks he did and I hope Tommy doesn't go mad when I tell you. "Tommy got a phone call one night. It said: 'They tell me you're good' and Tommy replied: 'Who's this?' "The caller said: 'It's Elvis,' and Tommy said: 'Get outta here.' And Elvis said: 'Are you as good as me?' "And they talked and they got a friendship. Elvis flew in for a day. And Tommy showed him round London. "He showed him the Houses of Parliament and spent the day with him." After the show Kenwright, who works closely with Tommy, 71, confirmed the story. He added: "I've known Tommy for years, he's done several shows for me. I often see him and we meet up for dinner. "Whenever I see him I beg him to tell me stories about Buddy Holly and Elvis. "He told me one about Elvis. One night when Tommy was about 17 or 18, he got a phone call and it was Elvis on the phone from Germany where he was stationed. "He couldn't believe it but in the end the two struck up a friendship. "They spent the day in London together. I think it's fantastic."

A spokesman for Elvis's Graceland estate said: "To the best of our knowledge there was only the one stopover at Scotland. "We are researching our archives. There are some un-documented areas of Elvis's life." Tommy had been billed as Britain's answer to Elvis.



Elvis watching the changing of the guard

## Elvis' TCB Tour Bus to be restored

Legacy Hall of Fame Inc. plans to bring Elvis Presley's TCB Tour Bus to Tupelo, Mississippi, restore it, and put it on display for fans to come and see from around the world. In order to do this they must raise funds to pay for the cost to save the bus, restore it, and construct a facility to protect the bus.



## James Burton inducted in Fender Hall of Fame



James Burton will be the first musician ever to be inducted in the Fender Hall of Fame. The Fender Hall of Fame was created to honour and keep the memories alive of former leaders fresh in the minds of FMIC employees, and to differentiate Fender from all others.

“It’s important that we pay tribute to the individuals who—through their creativity, genius and dedication—designed and built the instruments and company that changed the way the world experiences music,” said Bill Mendello, chief executive officer and president of the board for FMIC last year. “Because of their efforts, Fender enjoys the rich history and legacy that we so cherish today.”

This new induction is proof again of the historic roll James Burton played for Fender and modern music in general.

## Rock N Roll Night

There will be a Rock N Roll night on June 13<sup>th</sup>, this will be held at the Belmont Social Club, 218 Hardgate. Come along and dance to all your favourites from the 50’s and 60’s artists like Buddy Holly, Dion, Elvis, Sam Cooke and many more.



**Next Dance: May 30th**