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Good Morning,

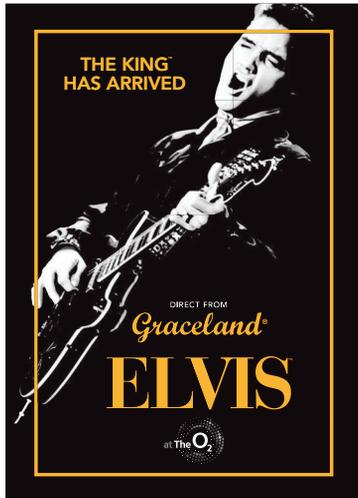
As I sat down to write this I thought what a good job it is that we don't charge anyone to be a member of the Strictly Elvis 'family' because if we did you'd all be yelling at me for missing out a Summer Newsletter. Apologies for that but the truth is we were all just too busy to produce one... it has been an amazing year for UK Elvis fans!

Since our last Newsletter we've had the Elvis Presley On Stage concert tour which attracted nearly 40,000 fans with many venues sold out months in advance, the ever-popular Elvis Spring Break in Torquay, the FilmFest in Hayes, the fabulous 'That's All Right (Mama)' Summer Ball, the 37th Anniversary Tour to Tupelo & Memphis continuing on to Palm Springs and Hollywood, the incredible Elvis Festival in Great Yarmouth and, coming shortly, the visit to see Priscilla appearing in panto in Manchester. Then, finally, wait for it, the new Elvis at the O2 Exhibition in London. Having arranged or been seriously involved in each of these I think you can appreciate what it's been like in the Strictly HQ... manic!

And it doesn't get easier as the last few weeks have also been spent setting up next year's holidays and events - details of some are enclosed with this Newsletter and more, including those for the 2015 Elvis Festival will accompany the next issue. We're certainly not 'resting on our laurels' at Strictly Elvis UK and are constantly striving to give you more but may I make one plea. We are still (virtually daily) coming across UK Elvis fans who haven't heard of us or, worse, are confusing us with other, lesser, organizations, so could you check that your Elvis friends know who we

are, what we do, and if they don't receive our Newsletters, tell us their address so that they will.

We had an excellent take-up of our offer to save money on your electricity, gas, and phone bills by joining Utility Warehouse (see details on page 5 of this issue). This Which? recommended service helps support Strictly Elvis whilst offering you excellent deals on your Utility bills. I wouldn't promote anything I



didn't believe in and we've joined them and they're saving us loads. Give them a call or visit them online...no obligation and I think you'll be impressed.

As you probably know Strictly Elvis UK often attend non-Elvis events with the view of 'spreading the word' and one such was the recent Jukebox and Retro Fair in Chessington - an excellent 2 day event with live bands, jiving, classic cars and bikes and a magnificent marketplace selling retro clothing, books, records, pictures and all kinds of artifacts from the 50's & 60's including some stunning Jukeboxes

(some costing over £12,000!). Lots there for Elvis fans to see including a one-off Elvis Pool table going for the princely sum of £2500. Not enough loose change down the back of my sofa I'm afraid.

We love getting into debates about Elvis - be it on Facebook, on the phone, by email or, best of all, in person whilst at events and the 'hot topics' of the past few months have been the possible removal of the

Elvis aircraft at Graceland and the building of the new hotel there - and the probable demolition of the old Heartbreak Hotel. Well we listen and, of course, we make your feelings known to the 'powers that be' at EPE but we don't tell them how to run their business and they don't tell us how to run ours. As with most things in life there are two sides to every story and whilst I don't doubt that mistakes have been made (we all make them) what we cannot argue is how well we Elvis fans have been served by Priscilla, and by Jack Soden and the management team at Graceland. We have no reason to think that the new Managing Partner Joel Weinsanker will be any different and as his first major contribution (as far as we are concerned) was to bring an Elvis Exhibition to the UK I think we have a lot to thank him for. Further details about the Exhibition are contained in an insert with this Newsletter.

Apart from when Elvis was alive (obviously - duh!) has there ever been a better time to be an Elvis fan? *I really don't think so.*

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Cheers for now
B

David J. Wade

DIARY UPDATE

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

Saturday 6th December 2014

Come with us to see Priscilla Presley in Panto at the Manchester Opera House. Very few tickets remaining. Call today on 01473 621 564

Elvis' 80th Birthday Tours

Sunday 4th to Monday 12th January 2015

for the Memphis tour (inc. Tupelo day trip)

Sunday 4th to Monday 17th January 2015

for the Memphis and Miami Beach Tour

Now this is a major event that every Elvis fan will want to be part of.

Regular travellers/readers will note that we've added an extra day to our usual Birthday Tour itinerary – now staying a whole week in order to better enjoy the Birthday celebration events – if you want the REAL Elvis experience of Memphis and Tupelo then make sure you book with the real Elvis Travel Service.

And after you've enjoyed Elvis' Birthday Celebrations in Memphis & Tupelo why not come with us as we head down to Miami Beach, to see the sights and to enjoy some of that glorious Florida sunshine?

For a brochure, further details or to book call us on **01473 621 564**

Elvis Spring Break in Torquay

Friday 15th to Monday 18th May 2015

(brochure enclosed with this issue)

Join us for a great weekend of fun and Elvis at the Victoria Hotel in the delightful resort of Torquay. This ever-popular Elvis Weekender features live entertainment, all-Elvis Disco's and lots more besides. Plus ample time to enjoy the wonderful food, the hotel's fabulous facilities and to explore Torquay and the beautiful surrounding area. To book just call us on **01473 621 564**

Elvis 38th Anniversary Tours to the USA

Friday 7th to Tuesday 18th August 2015

for Tupelo and Memphis

Friday 7th to Tuesday 25th August 2014 2015

for Tupelo, Memphis, Fort Chaffee, Shreveport and New Orleans
(brochure enclosed with this issue)

Join the Elvis Travel Service for our now renowned annual pilgrimage to Tupelo and Memphis over the Elvis Anniversary. Having been operating tours to Memphis and Tupelo since 1972 no-one can claim more experience (and contacts) than us – and we use this to make our Elvis holidays the very best there are. Our Tour Managers are genuine Elvis fans and their sightseeing tours of Tupelo and Memphis are informative and fascinating, giving you a unique insight into Elvis' life there.

There's a choice of two great holidays; the first holiday features Tupelo and Memphis whereas the second travels on to see Fort Chaffee, Arkansas where Elvis was inducted into the US Army (and where he had the famous 'Army haircut'), to historic Fort Smith (a true frontier town), to Shreveport where Elvis appeared on the Louisiana Hayride, to the Louisiana State Capital of Baton Rouge and finally to the city of New Orleans where we take you on a fascinating tour of the location sites for King Creole. For more information or to book phone us on **01473 621 564**

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ADVANCE INFORMATION

Elvis Anniversary Tours

2016 and 2017

We are always being asked what's planned for one, two or even three years ahead. Well we can't always tell you ('cos we don't always know ourselves!) but for the August Anniversary tours we are happy to advise you of the Extension locations for 2016 and the next 'Big One' in 2017 – the 40th Anniversary Tour. For 2016 we will be returning to Las Vegas but also adding in Palm Springs. Such was the enjoyment of those who came with us on the 2012 tour to Las Vegas and also those on the 2014 tour to Palm Springs (as well as the enthusiasm from all those back here following our daily blogs on Facebook) we've decided to combine these two destinations but to also add in a Day Trip to Hollywood and Beverly Hills. For 2017 we are planning to offer a two island Hawaii extension visiting the beautiful island of Kauai as well as Oahu, staying on fabulous Waikiki Beach.

Start saving!!

Bad Nauheim and Friedberg

Thursday 13th to Monday 17th August 2015

(brochure enclosed with this issue)

Come with us to see where Elvis was based in Germany whilst in the US Army – see the base itself in Friedberg, and the his homes in Bad Nauheim plus loads of other fascinating Elvis sights. Plenty of time also to enjoy the Elvis Anniversary Celebrations arranged by the Bad Nauheim Tourist Office and these include a Cadillac Parade, classic motor cycles, an Elvis marketplace, film shows and candle-light vigil. Choice of travel by coach and ferry or flying.

Elvis Festival at Vauxhall 5 Star Holiday Park, Gt Yarmouth

Saturday 5th to Saturday 12th September 2015

This is THE BIG ONE. If you haven't attended our Elvis Festival before (or perhaps not for several years) then make sure you join us for this one. You won't believe the atmosphere. Our annual Elvis Festival just keeps getting bigger and with special star guests from the USA, plus a fabulous line-up of entertainment, superb accommodation and wonderful facilities, the best just keeps getting even better. Brochure available in January 2015 but pre-bookings can be made by calling Vauxhall 5 Star Holiday Park on **01493 857 231**



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OH YES SHE IS!



STARRING
PRISCILLA PRESLEY
SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER



Join us in Manchester on Saturday 6th December 2014
for a performance of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
starring Priscilla Presley as the wicked Queen.

Just a few tickets left.

For details contact Strictly Elvis UK
as soon as possible on 01473 621 564



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[The Elvis Presley Travel Service/Strictly Elvis](https://www.facebook.com/TheElvisPresleyTravelService/)

Anyone with a computer, tablet or smartphone can use this relatively new phenomenon.
You don't have to get involved but it's great to watch what's happening.

Our Facebook Page for instance is constantly gaining new 'friends' who 'like' the reports and photo's that we post.

We update the page on a regular basis and use it for Announcements (such as for the new Elvis at the O2 Exhibition), for details of our own events and especially to post daily reports from our holidays so that the fans

back home can share in the enjoyment... with people wanting to book there and then!

You too can follow us on Facebook by logging on and going to [The Elvis Presley Travel Service/Strictly Elvis](https://www.facebook.com/TheElvisPresleyTravelService/)

Or on Twitter at [@ElvisTravel](https://twitter.com/ElvisTravel)

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THE ELVIS 37TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR

BY GRANT BAENSCH



As soon as I read the itinerary for this trip I just knew it would be fantastic. I was not prepared as to just how special it would be.

I joined the group at the Memphis Airport after arriving from Australia the day before. We headed down to Tupelo where we attended Fan Appreciation Day. This is always special but what was even better was that our group took over the Birthplace that night for a 'Meet The Brits' party. We all enjoyed a super buffet meal followed by dancing the night away to the Elvis disco. The next day saw a very special appearance by the JD Sumner tour bus. The group was able to get on and look at the bus first hand. It certainly was the best bus I have ever seen!

Then it was off to Memphis where we were joined by a great group from Brazil. Elvis Week was full of special events including the Jailhouse Rock Movie and Dance Party, Conversations on Elvis and the great screening of Elvis: That's The Way It Is at the Orpheum. The group also enjoyed a 'behind

the scenes' tour of the Dolan Drive home formerly owned by Vernon Presley. This was such a fantastic night and we were even joined by Elvis' stepbrother Billy Stanley and we all lined up for a photo.

Sadly some had to head back to the UK but for those on the extension it was off to Palm Springs. This was such an incredible trip from the Tramway (an incredible revolving cable-car) ride up the mountains, the Rich and Famous tour taking us to see the homes of the Hollywood greats to the jeep tour of the San

Andreas Fault. Those were the excursions but there was so much more. We were joined by Elvis's head of security Dick Grob and his lovely wife Melissa and we all loved hearing Dick's Elvis stories. Dick even hosted us at Billy Reed's restaurant where we enjoyed great food and great times.

The highlight for all though had to be the afternoon visit to the Elvis' honeymoon home. We took over the house and even the local newspaper joined us. The afternoon ended with all of us enjoying the swimming pool!





Boulevard (where we found Elvis' Star on the 'Walk of Fame', a tour of Paramount Studios, seeing two of Elvis' homes in Beverley Hills and a great excursion to Universal Studios.

I have tried to keep this article brief but the whole trip was just so special and huge thanks to David, Carol and Neil for all of their hard work and dedication in making sure we all had a great time. As someone from Australia who was travelling alone, this feeling did not last long as there is nothing like a group of Elvis



It was then off to end the holiday in Los Angeles and some of the highlights included a visit to Santa Monica Pier stretching out into the Pacific, a walking tour of Hollywood

fans to make you feel welcome and I encourage anyone to join one of these tours. You will be made so welcome and part of an incredible group of Elvis fans.

My special thanks to all for making such a trip so memorable.

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Heard of them?

Probably not, we hadn't either.

They don't advertise anywhere but rely almost totally on 'word of mouth' recommendations. It says something about how many people recommend them that they are now one of the country's most successful companies.

I think we're all fed up to the teeth with the big utility companies and their high prices (and even higher profits!) and the hassle of keeping track of bills for gas, electricity, phone etc and, worse if you now pay quarterly, having to find a huge 'wedge' of

money just when you can afford it the least. And this is where Utility Warehouse can help. Firstly they co-ordinate your Utility Services, secondly they guarantee to be cheaper than anyone else and thirdly, you pay for all of the services together in one monthly payment. Sounds good doesn't it. We thought so too and signed up some 4 years ago. And when it comes to utility bills this was the best thing we ever did.

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don't worry, just call for free on **0800 131 3000** quoting '**K23856 - Strictly Elvis**' and the super-efficient Utility Warehouse staff will explain all about their services. And you choose what you sign up to - Electricity, Gas, Home Phone, Broadband, Mobile Phone and Discount Cashcard. The more services you buy through Utility Warehouse Discount Club the more you save and, because we at Strictly Elvis UK receive an introductory fee from Utility Warehouse we can use this to offset some of our mailing costs - so we'll never have to ask you for a Subscription to be a member of the Strictly Elvis UK family. *Everybody wins.*

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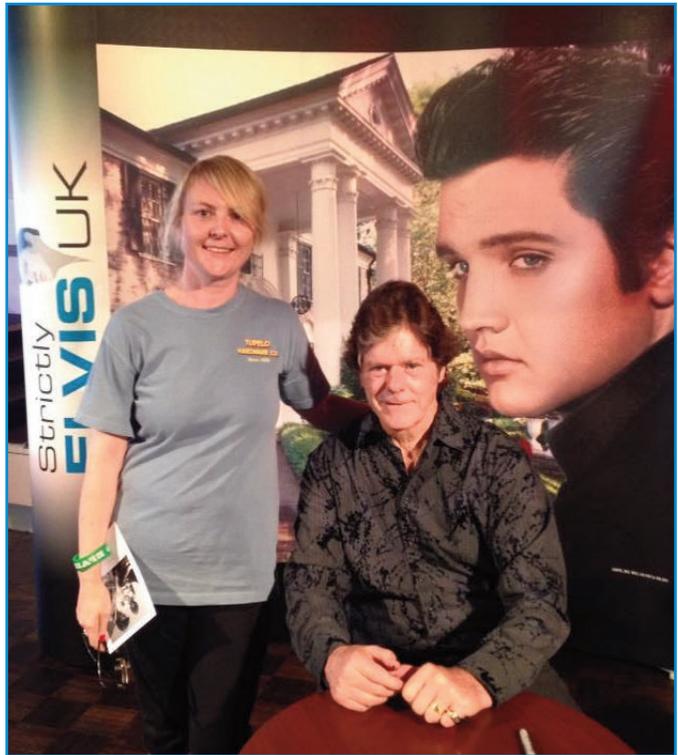
BY LISEL SIMPSON

The Regency Room at Vauxhall Holiday Park, Great Yarmouth is normally pretty busy during the Elvis Festival, but on one particular September afternoon in 2014 it was absolutely packed to the rafters; nobody wanted to miss this very special guest...

Since the age of 8 I have lived and breathed Elvis every minute of every day: but as he died when I was a child the nearest I'll ever come to knowing 'The King' is hearing first-hand accounts from people who were close to him. That's why I was so excited when I found out that Strictly Elvis had pulled out all the stops and flown Elvis' close friend Jerry Schilling to the UK for the 2014 Elvis Festival!

And I wasn't disappointed. Jerry proved to be a very eloquent and enthusiastic talker. We Elvis fans are suckers for personal Elvis stories, so the audience was hanging off every word Jerry spoke as he shared his memories with us; which included meeting his own idol John Lennon (who apparently was delighted to have met Elvis but too shy to tell him), the tale of how he first met Elvis when he was asked to make up the numbers in a Sunday football game with the 'big boys' and his own personal thoughts of that infamous meeting between, in his own words, 'two lonely people at the top' - Elvis and President Nixon (and yes fact fans, I have it on Jerry's authority that the Oval Office really is oval!).

Throughout the interview I really got the sense Jerry was talking from the heart and he didn't shy from punches: when it was time for 'questions from the audience' one fan wanted to know why Elvis' friends didn't do more to look after him. Jerry's answer held no excuses; he pointed out that Elvis was his own man, and although he loved to help others, there was no way he was accepting help from anyone else. And when people questioned



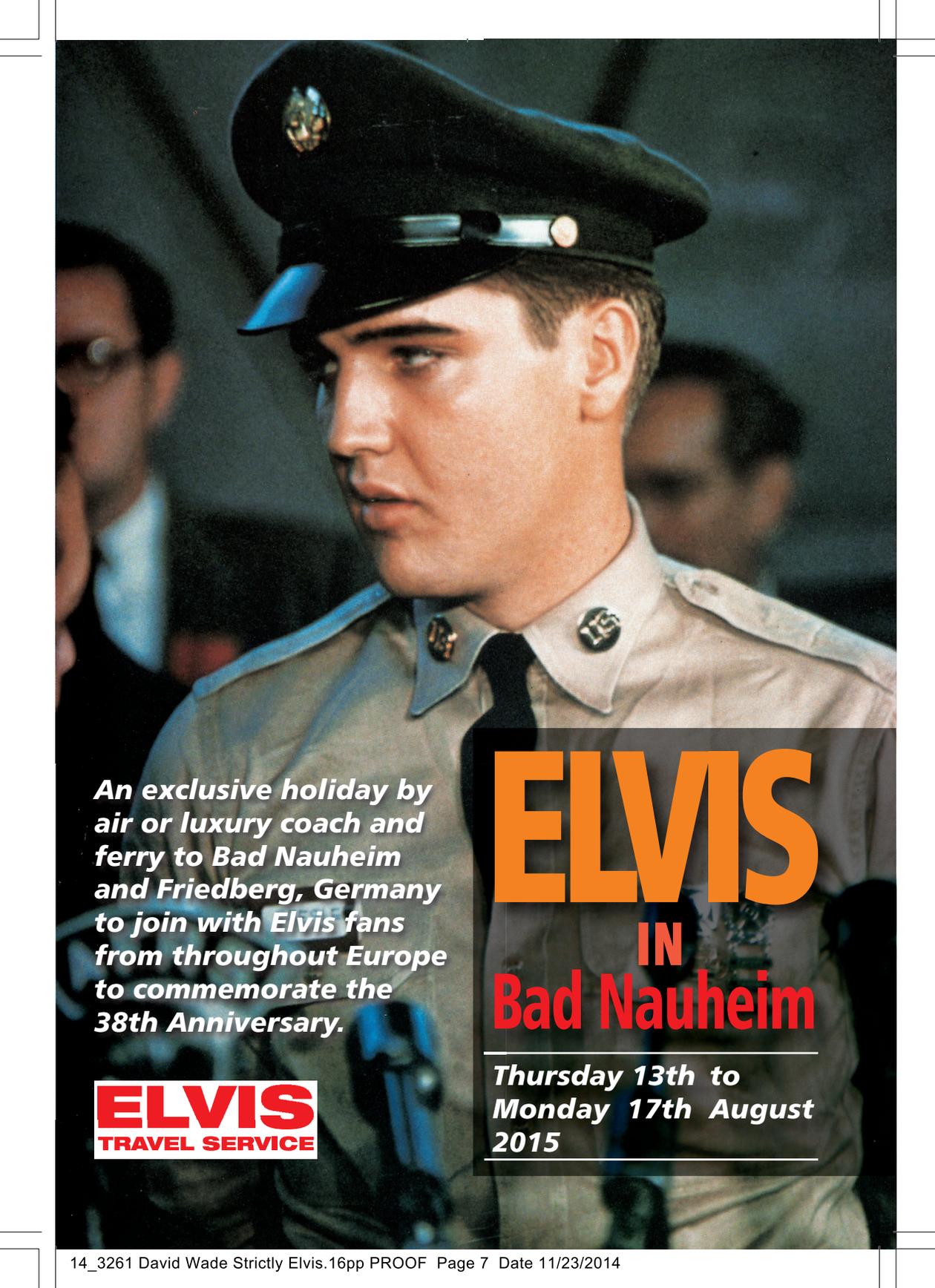
Elvis' choice of management Jerry pointed out the importance of remembering the good that Colonel Parker did for Elvis' career and not to focus solely on the bad.

The story that touched me the most however is one that demonstrates Elvis' constant generosity. Because Jerry never had a family home growing up, Elvis bought him a house, which he still lives in 40 years later. The affection in his voice when speaking of this act of kindness brought a lump to my throat, as I'm sure it did to many in the audience.

After the interview Jerry was kind enough to stay behind and sign hundreds of autographs for the fans, and I was able to have a private conversation with him. I wanted to thank him for looking after Elvis when he was alive, and for still looking after him today. He told me it was a privilege for him to

keep Elvis' memory going and although sometimes it felt like a burden, it was one he would never hesitate to carry. I also remarked on the irony of how he must have watched Elvis sign thousands of autographs and now here he was signing hundreds of his own. I asked him if he now had more appreciation of how much time Elvis devoted to his fans. Jerry reflected that he had never realised at the time how much of a responsibility it was for Elvis to keep his fans happy but certainly appreciated it now.

One last story from Jerry: he confessed to feeling slightly apprehensive when arriving at Heathrow, as he was immediately approached by a Security Guard. Not to worry though, it was merely a fan wanting to know if Jerry was going to be at Graceland next year! *Yet more proof that we Elvis fans get everywhere!*



*An exclusive holiday by
air or luxury coach and
ferry to Bad Nauheim
and Friedberg, Germany
to join with Elvis fans
from throughout Europe
to commemorate the
38th Anniversary.*

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IN
Bad Nauheim

Thursday 13th to
Monday 17th August
2015

BAD NAUHEIM AND FRIEDBERG

Join us for a fabulous extra-long weekend break to Bad Nauheim where Elvis lived whilst stationed in the US Army at the nearby Ray Barracks in Friedberg. Each August this beautiful spa town goes crazy for Elvis (which sounds perfect for us!) with an Elvis Festival honouring the life and legacy of the King. It's a fabulous place to spend the Anniversary period and the town itself has many places which are virtually unchanged since Elvis' time there - making for some great photo opportunities! So come and join us as we explore Elvis' Germany. You'll love it!

OUR ITINERARY

Day 1, Thursday 13th August 2015

Morning departure from London's Victoria Coach Station for the journey by coach and the Dover-Calais ferry to Bad Nauheim arriving in the late evening. There will be non-stop Elvis movies and music on the coach and various refreshment stops.

Or a morning flight from UK to Frankfurt arriving in the early afternoon. Transfer to Bad Nauheim and your hotel.

Day 2, Friday 14th August

Breakfast will be served daily in your hotel. Join your Elvis Travel Service tour managers for a morning guided walking tour of Bad Nauheim. As with all Elvis Travel Service tours we have meticulously researched the Elvis history of this beautiful spa town so that we'll show you more Elvis sites than you'll see on any other tour, the hotel and house where he lived, where he shopped, ate, relaxed and the places where some of the most iconic photo's of Elvis during this time were taken, as well as the lovely monument that the town erected to him on Elvis Presley Platz.

The afternoon and evening are at leisure to relax, explore further or enjoy the events taking place as part of the Elvis Festival which is organised by the local tourist office and Fan Club. There will be a whole array of activities and events (a schedule will be sent to you once they are finalised) which typically include a parade of classic cars, fan get-togethers, concerts, memorabilia dealers and much more. As well as that the whole town welcomes Elvis fans with many of the shops and bars adopting an Elvis theme.

Day 3, Saturday 15th August

Morning visit to Friedberg. En-route we'll stop in the village of Steinfurth (famous throughout Germany for its roses) where Elvis and his platoon erected a war memorial. Once we arrive in Friedberg, we'll see the site of Ray Barracks the US Army Base where Elvis was stationed. There'll also be time to explore this delightful small town, and see the Elvis memorial plaque in the centre, visiting shops that Elvis would've used, or to take a tour of the historic castle. Keep an eye out also for the genuine red British telephone box in the town too! Afternoon and evening at leisure.



Day 4, Sunday 16th August

A morning visit to Johannisberg hilltop. As we drive up the twisting road to the summit you'll see the surrounding woods where Elvis took part in military maneuvers. Once we reach the top you'll see spectacular views over Bad Nauheim and the surrounding countryside. On a clear day it's even possible to make out Ray



Barracks in the distance! There'll be time to enjoy a coffee in the café, used by Elvis where on one occasion he was asked to sign a tablecloth for a fan, but before he could hand it over the owner of the café snatched away and promptly washed it! Do remember to try the Apple Strudel, one of the café's specialities - and a particular favourite of Elvis'. Remainder of the day to relax in the comfort of the hotel, enjoy the activities of the Elvis Festival or further exploration of Bad Nauheim. This evening we'll hold a get together for the group as a last night celebration of our time here.

Day 5, Monday 17th August

Time to say 'Auf Wiedersehen' to Bad Nauheim. Morning departures to Frankfurt for flights arriving back into the UK in the early afternoon and for the coach departure to connect with the early evening ferry arriving back into London in the mid evening.

INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

- ◆ Return Flights from London to Frankfurt or Return coach travel from London including cross Channel ferry
- ◆ Transfers and coach travel as per the itinerary
- ◆ 4 nights hotel accommodation
- ◆ Breakfast each day in Bad Nauheim
- ◆ Guided walking tour of Bad Nauheim
- ◆ Visit to Friedberg
- ◆ Visit to Johannisberg Hilltop
- ◆ Hotel taxes
- ◆ Driver gratuities
- ◆ The services of an experienced Elvis Travel Service Tour Manager

QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Tour Prices (per person)

Rosenau Hotel

By Coach & Ferry: Single £518 Double £418

By Air: Single £648 Double £548

Dolce Hotel

By Coach & Ferry: Single £848 Double £618

By Air: Single £978 Double £748

Triple/family rooms may be available on request.

Not Included

Lunches or dinners, drinks and personal items such as laundry, phone calls etc.

Travel Insurance

It is mandatory that all passengers have sufficient comprehensive travel insurance. If you need assistance in arranging this please call us on **Europe as you like it** on 020 8742 8299 who will be happy to help.

Health/Special Needs

No vaccinations or inoculations are required for British citizens. The Department of Health produces a 'Health Advice for Travellers' booklet (T6) available from your Post Office or by phoning 0800 555 777. We are happy to welcome passengers with special needs wherever appropriate arrangements can be made - be they for dietary needs or adapted rooms. Please note though that we can only request such facilities if we know of your requirements well in advance so please give us full details on (or with) the Reservation Form.



Passports and Visas

A valid Passport issued by a member state of the European Union is required for this tour. Visas are not required by British citizens visiting Germany.

Climate and Clothing

Mid-summer in central Europe can be very hot so expect temperatures in the 80's and 90's. We recommend lightweight casual clothing (none of the events require anything formal) but take along a sweater or jacket for any cooler evenings. Luggage weight is limited to 50lbs per person - the equivalent of one large suitcase, plus one item of hand luggage.

Payments and Travel Documents

Upon receipt of your deposit (and obviously subject to places being available) you will be sent a Confirmation-Invoice. Payment of the balance is due not later than 72 days prior to departure. Cheques should be made payable to **Europe as you like it**. Approximately 14 days prior to the holiday you will receive a Tour Wallet containing your Final Itinerary and Tour Joining Instructions, baggage tags and a Souvenir Lanyard/Pass.

Payment by Debit/Credit Card

We are pleased to accept payment by Debit or Credit Card for all, or part, of your holiday cost - just complete the appropriate box on the Reservation Form. Please note that there is no surcharge applicable to payment by Debit Card but a 2.7% supplement will be charged on all Credit Card payments to cover the additional costs incurred.

Flights

Whilst the Air tour price is based on flying from London with British Airways or Lufthansa, persons wishing to fly from Manchester, Birmingham, Glasgow or any of the regional airports are welcome to do so. Please contact Europe as you like it on 020 8742 8299 for supplementary costs and more information. The tour price is based on the air fare as of 5th November 2014 and is subject to fluctuation. Any increase (or decrease) will be advised to you at the time of booking.

Telephone Enquiries

If you have any queries regarding this tour please don't hesitate to give the Elvis Travel Service a call on 01473 621 564. Telephone bookings can be made but must be followed up with a completed Reservation Form and deposit within 5 working days.

How to Book

Simply complete the Reservation Form and send it with your deposit to:-

Elvis in Bad Nauheim

Elvis Travel Service,
Unit D Bristol Court,
Martlesham Heath
Business Park,
Ipswich, Suffolk, IP5 3RY.

Tel: 01473 621 564

E-mail: enquiries@strictlyelvis.net

Website: www.strictlyelvis.net

Bad Nauheim Hotels

Best Western Hotel Rosenau

Moderate First Class standard, all rooms have en suite bathroom (some singles with shower only), satellite TV, minibar and hairdryer. The hotel has a bar and restaurant as well as a sauna. Situated approx. 20 minutes (at leisurely walking pace) from the town centre, a limited free shuttle service will be provided and taxis are available at other times.

The Dolce Hotel

Rated Deluxe this spa hotel will be the location for some of the events of the Elvis Festival. Rooms are handsomely

furnished and all have TV, 2 phones, tea/coffee maker, minibar and en suite bathroom with hairdryer. The hotel has an indoor pool, sauna, steam room, fitness centre and numerous spa treatments available. The hotel is situated in the heart of the town.

Single rooms will have one single bed, and rooms for two persons will have either one double bed or two single beds or, as is quite normal in Germany, a double bed but with separate mattresses/duvets. Where 3 or more people are sharing the room would have a double or twin bed plus either a sofa bed or a roll-away bed.

Responsibility

This tour is arranged in association with **Europe as you like it** of Oxford House, 24 Oxford Road North, London, W4 4DH Tel: 020 8742 8299 who, in accordance with the 'Package Travel Regulations 1992', are fully bonded for your financial protection.

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STICKY FINGERS

BY NEIL CAMERON

It would appear that a slice of Elvis' hometown is starting to be very much part of our nation's capital. As well as the Graceland exhibit soon to open at the O2, the West End is currently playing host to **Memphis: The Musical**. This fantastic stage show wowed audiences on Broadway and its set to do the same here in the UK.

Just before its opening night in October, Strictly Elvis were invited to be part of a special lunch arranged by our friends at Memphis and Mississippi Tourism. Held at Bill Wyman's Sticky Fingers restaurant (very rock'n'roll!) in Kensington, the event saw journalists, TV directors, film producers and other media types meet with representatives of the Memphis tourist office, including CEO of the Memphis Convention and Visitors Bureau Kevin Kane who had flown in especially for the event.

Whilst enjoying some traditional Southern food it was a great afternoon and we loved the fact that every time we mentioned what we did it received a response of genuine interest and positive comments about Elvis' work. In fact a heated conversation about the merits of working with George Clooney (how the other half live!)



was quickly abandoned when overhearing about our tour groups to Memphis and the talk quickly turned to Elvis.

The highlight of the day though was hearing the appreciation from Memphis Tourism for the groups that we bring over ("Elvis fans are

definitely our favourite groups"), and the pledge that the Elvis Travel Service/Strictly Elvis would be given every care and assistance to ensure that our groups have the best possible time when visiting Memphis. We're very proud that over 42 years we've built up not

only a business relationship but, more importantly, a friendship with the Memphis tourist office which allows us to TCB for fellow fans on our tours in a way that others can't.



Memphis CVB's Kevin Kane with Strictly's Mike Davis'

It's lovely to hear what people think of you from others (well usually!) and this was the case with regard to Jerry Schilling who had such a great time at the Elvis Festival that he couldn't wait to tell his friends Jack Soden and Kevin Kane all about it. "You should go over" he said - "you'd love it". And they would too!

Got a spare bed?

Our good friend Ester Blajer from Argentina is planning to come to Europe next year to be with us for the Bad Nauheim tour and then to stay for the Elvis Festival some 2 weeks later.

She'd love to see various parts of the UK (and attend any local Elvis events) during that period but to make it financially viable (as well as for company) she'd prefer to stay with fellow fans.

If you'd be prepared to put her up for a few nights - and perhaps show her a bit of your area - can you let David Wade know and he'll co-ordinate her itinerary.

Ester will pay her way (so you wouldn't be out of pocket) and I'm sure many friendships would result. She'd also like to share with someone for the Elvis Festival?

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THAT'S (DEFINITELY) 'ALL RIGHT (MAMA)'

BY DAVID WADE

Oh didn't we all look grand (well, everyone else did - not sure about myself, my old Dinner Jacket and Trousers must have shrunk a bit since their last outing - I could hardly get into them!) - still, with shiny shoes and a new bow tie (last of the big spenders, me) I joined the gathering through hardly able to recognize this glamorous array of glitterati as they stepped (nay, glided) up the stairs - posing for the photographer as they went - to the Ballroom Bar of the Mercure Grand Hotel in Leicester.

After a cocktail or two it was time for the doors of the Kings Hall (aptnly named or what?) to swing open and for our guests to take their seats. Prior to the sumptuous meal we were treated to a fabulous big-screen presentation of video messages from the likes of Elvis Presley Enterprises, Sun Studio, the Elvis Birthplace and our good friend Dick Grob, all wishing us well for the evening. We then had a wonderful film compilation of Elvis ending with 'That's All Right (Mama)' prepared by our own Neil Cameron - there was hardly a dry eye in the place - and while we dined we had Elvis music playing and Elvis photo's on the big screen. There was a real hub-bub around the room, the way it should be when Elvis fans get together, plus



an air of excitement as everyone opened their Goody Bags to see the treats inside.

The Charity Draw followed, with some wonderful prizes donated and in all we raised over £500 for the Macmillan Cancer Support charity.

A successful night for them and a fabulous one for us - especially as one of our favourite bands, Mark Keeley's Good Rockin' Tonight then took us through to the start of our all Elvis Disco with



DJ Mark Monaghan. And you can't get better than Elvis. A big thank you to everyone who supported this wonderful night - and yes, we will be doing it again. Might need to let out those trousers an inch or two tho!

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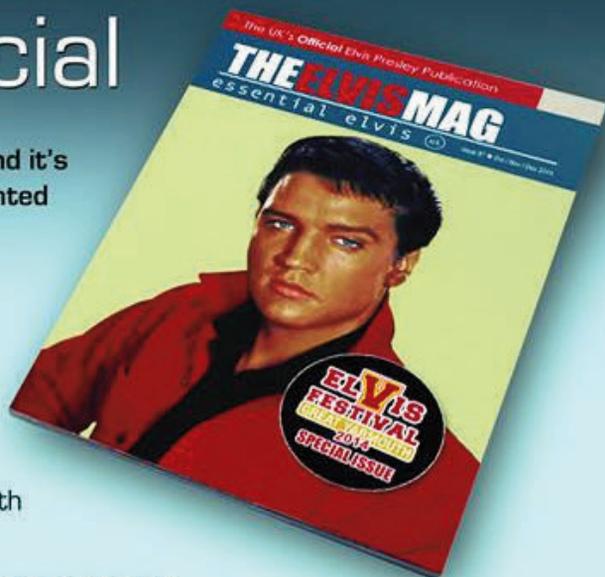
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London

Capital Elvis

John Talbot, 106 Hawbeck Road, Gillingham, Kent, ME8 9UY
Phone: 07715 968 259

Elvis Party Night at the Hoop and Toy, 34 Thurloe Place, Kensington, SW7 2HQ. 13th December.

Hertfordshire

Capital Elvis/Herts Branch

Tony Dobb, 15 Princes Close, Berkhamsted, Herts, HP4 1JS
Phone: 07715 968 259 Email: tony.graceland@talk21.com

Staffordshire

Elvis Confederates

Alan and Sheila Cooper, 15 Blackthorn Road, Stapen Hill, Burton on Trent, Staffs, DE15 9PE
Phone: 01283 539 371

Essex

Elvis in Essex Organisation

Mike Davis, 11 Branta Fields, Hoo, Rochester, Kent, ME3 9BF
Phone: 07878 914 033

Elvis Disco, Saturday 13th December from 7:30pm at The Compasses, 141 Broomfield Road, Chelmsford, CM1 1RY.

Cambridgeshire

Elvis in Cambridge

Ian Gray, Kings College Cambridge, CB2 1ST
Email: elvisincambridge@hotmail.co.uk

Lancashire

John Meller, 26 Derby Road, Accrington, BB5 1BP
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Regular Elvis Disco's.

Lincolnshire

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Sue Toyne, 18 Capper Avenue, Hemswell Cliff, Gainsborough, Lincs, DN21 5XS
Phone: 01427 668 805 Email: suetoyne@btinternet.com

Nottinghamshire

Elvis in Nottinghamshire

Andy Cox,
Phone: 07838 161784 Email: andy.epfan@gmail.com
Regular Elvis Disco's.

Northamptonshire

Elvis in Northants

Mark & Bernie Herbert, 1 Woodside Green, Kings Heath, Northampton, NN5 7HU Phone: 01604 753 778
Elvis Video-Disco, Saturday 6th December, 7:30pm until midnight at the Ex-Serviceman's Club, 47 Sheep Street, Northampton, NN1 2NE.

Oxfordshire

Elvis Presley Fan Club – Oxford

Jenny de Fraine, 'Aloha', 11 Meadow View Road Kennington, Oxford, OX1 4QU Phone: 01865 735 264
Email: jennyelvisoxford@hotmail.co.uk

Meetings monthly in members homes and social events throughout the year.

Buckinghamshire

Elvis Now

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Email: elvisnow2004@hotmail.com

Tyne & Wear

Jim Mann, 19 Tanfield Road, Wrekenton, Gateshead Tyne & Wear, NE9 7AX Phone: 07936 518 319
Email: manjim26@yahoo.com

100% Elvis Disco. Friday 5th December - FREE Admission. New venue. Springbank Club, Condercum Road, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE4 8X.

Bedfordshire

Bill Hyde, Phone: 07943 395 655

Elvis Disco Saturdays 28th November and 19th December at St Joseph's Social Club, Gardenia Avenue, Luton, LU3 2NS.

North Yorkshire

The King at the Coast

Neil & Cynthia Hardisty, 34 Main Street East Ayton, Scarborough, N. Yorks, YO13 9HL
Elvis events in North Yorkshire.

Yorkshire

Memphis King

June Clark (Club Secretary), 60 Northcote Drive, Leeds, LS11 6NH
Regular Elvis Discos.

Birmingham

Contact Mitch on: 07957 901 250

Elvis TCB Discos.
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John Kavanagh, 43 Bernard Curtis House, Bluebell, Dublin 12, Ireland

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Wales

Elvis in Wales

Carol Pugh

Phone: 07785 107 814 Email: tcb.carol@gmail.com

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SCOTLAND

Glasgow

The Elvis Touch

Jane Boyce (Club Leader)

23 Corpach Place, Easterhouse, Glasgow, G34 0DD
Phone: 07851 388440 Email: janeboyce123@hotmail.co.uk
Linda and Paul Downie (Secretary & DJ/PR)
95 Gottries Road, Harbourside, Irvine, KA12 8QH
Phone: 07947 659144 Email: elvistouch@aol.com

Fridays 28th November and 12th December at Bacchus, 80 Glassford Street, Glasgow, G1 1UR.
£4 members, £5 non-members.

Falkirk

Elvis Central

Lesley Iannarelli, 4 Cleekim Drive, Edinburgh, EH15 3QP

Phone: 07905 798 016

Email: elviscentral@hotmail.co.uk

Elvis Party Night - 2nd Saturday each month at Camelot Bowling Club, Main Street, Camelot. (next to Beefeater).

Edinburgh

Edinburgh Elvis

Paul Sayers, 9-4 West Pilton Avenue, Edinburgh, EH4 4BX

Phone: 07926 896151 Email:

absolute_music@hotmail.co.uk

Aberdeen

Elvis in Aberdeen

Richard Stables, 3 William Mackie Crescent, Stonehaven, Aberdeen, AB39 2PR

Phone: 01569 760095 Email: aberdeen@elvis-a-presley.com

Strathclyde

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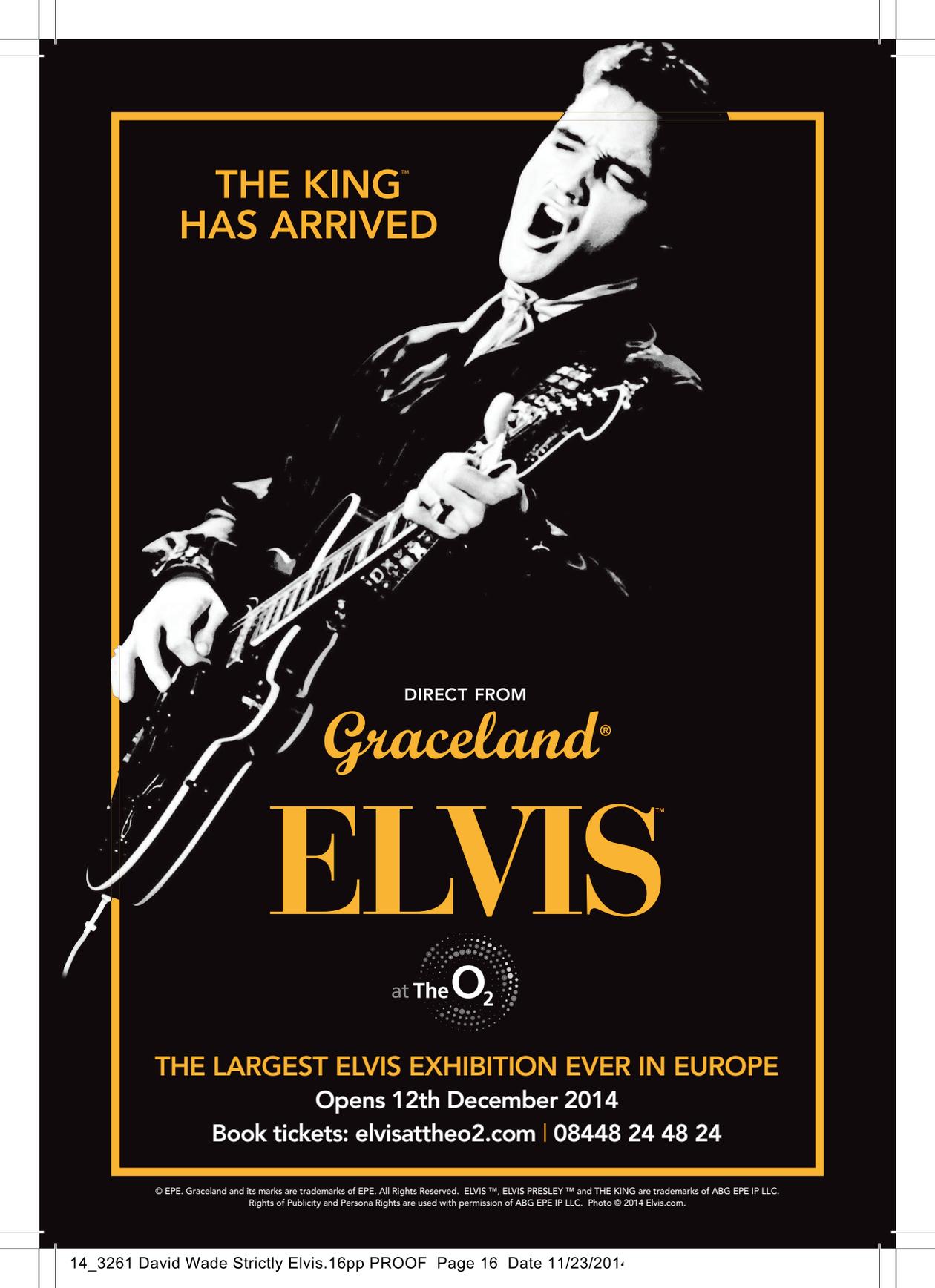
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