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Good Morning,

As usual, as I sit here wondering what to write about, I can't think of anything – and yet so much has gone on in the Elvis world since the last issue that you wouldn't think I'd be short of subjects. I spend most of my time helping to plan tours and events some 2 years ahead leaving what is happening at the moment seemingly to pass in a blur. I never appreciated what my parents told me, that as you get older time speeds up – now I know exactly what they meant.

So what's been happening...the Elvis Spring Break in Torquay was another super success and the band (Memphis Lee and the Creepers) went down a storm and are earmarked for next year's Elvis Festival, the Thames Cruise was an instant hit and will be repeated next year, the USA tours went fabulously well, as did the Bad Nauheim tour – reports of the latter three are contained in this issue. Not mentioned (cos we don't have space!) other than in a gospel sense, is the recent Elvis Festival and we'll include more about that in the next edition. It was the biggest that we've had in the 36 years since we started it and probably the best – excellent bands, great guests, a packed programme and all supported by a really lovely 'Elvis family' audience.

As usual the event raises money for charity and this year we raised £1746, helped enormously by a large private donation from Peter Johnson; and with Janet Baxter, on behalf of the Official Elvis Presley of Northern Ireland, and Strictly Elvis UK, donating the extra £127 each, we ended up with a cool £2,000. A big thank you to Pete and to Janet. This will be given to a selection of Charities in the name of Joe Moscheo of The Imperials who passed away earlier this year – a great way to keep Joe's memory alive. A list of the charities selected and the amounts paid to them will appear in the next issue.

Speaking of The Imperials, after taking the Festival by storm we thought it would be a good idea to invite them back to the UK next year for two concerts with the Morrision Orpheus Male Voice Choir and those of you who attended their joint performances in Cardiff, Swansea and Coventry a few years ago will know just how 'powerful' these can be. The provisional dates are 17th & 19th November 2017 in Swansea and Cheltenham respectively.



Moving on we have the new Elvis/RPO album 'The Wonder Of You' being released this month (can't wait!) followed closely by the Concert series in November and I look forward to seeing you at one (or more) of those. I think it's awesome that Elvis is still so popular so long after he left us – but am I surprised? – no, not even slightly.

In December we're bringing back the popular Elvis Twixmas Break and combining that with a 'posh frock' Charity Ball. I'm so glad I'm a bloke! Join us, you'll love it as we will, quite literally, 'have a Ball'!

And next August, tens of thousands of fans from all over the world will be wending their way to Memphis for the 40th Anniversary and we'll be there with, once again, the largest overseas group. I hope that you'll be on board – far more than a holiday, it's a whole Elvis experience and based on some 45 years of dedicated service to fellow Elvis fans. Rather than me extol the advantages of travelling with us - I'm just a tiny bit biased! - take a look at our Facebook Page (The Elvis Presley Travel Service/Strictly Elvis) and scroll back to read what those who have travelled with us in past years have to say. I'm blushing already.

Right that's it – and I didn't think I had much to talk about!

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Cheers for now
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David J. Wade

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**ANNIVERSARY
TOURS 2017**

AUGUST 2017 - ELVIS' 40TH ANNIVERSARY TOURS

A fully detailed brochure for these tours is enclosed with this Newsletter - if, for any reason, it is missing (or you need additional copies) please call us on 01473 621 564. The tour prices are based on contracted hotel and coaching rates as of 1st October 2016 and on a currency exchange rate of £1 being equal to US\$1.30. As most airlines are now adopting a 'fluid pricing' format whereby they increase prices the closer it becomes to the departure date it is highly recommended that you book as soon as possible.

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DIARY UPDATE

ELVIS TWIXMAS BREAK & TWIXMAS BALL

After a gap of 2 years we are bringing back our Twixmas Break in order to give you your 'fix' of Elvis during those boring days between Christmas and New Year. Held at the 4 Star Mercure Grand Hotel in Leicester you have the choice of booking the full 2 night break including the Charity Ball package, a one nighter with the Ball or, if you live close enough to drive home afterwards, just the Charity Ball ticket. Full details are contained in the Twixmas flyer enclosed with this issue.

ELVIS BIRTHDAY BASH

Last year, for the first time, we rented a cinema, bought a mega-sized Birthday cake and some bottles of fizz, and took a live link from Memphis to watch the Elvis Day Birthday Proclamation from the lawns of Graceland. Want to be with us when we do the same this coming Sunday January 8th at 3:00pm - it'll cost you £15, and we'll have the premiere showing of the Hi-Def, re-mastered version of 'Elvis: On Tour'. "Too cheap" do I hear you cry? Well yes, perhaps it is but we're good like that - you are 'family' after all. Tickets from 01473 621 564

ELVIS SPRING BREAK

Join us for a wonderful long-week-end of Elvis in the lovely Victoria Hotel in Torquay - a favourite of so many Elvis fans who join us for this 'laid-back' weekend every year. Ideal for singles or fans holidaying with us for the first (but certainly not last) time. Full details are enclosed

2ND ANNUAL THAMES CRUISE

(IN ASSOCIATION WITH ELVIS IN ESSEX)

Such was the success of the Elvis Disco Party Cruise in August this year our colleagues at Elvis in Essex have decided to do it all again. (Once a sailor, always a sailor!) but this time on an even grander vessel designed in true stern-wheeler fashion. You'll think you're on the Mississippi. The date: 16th July 2017, the time: 2:00pm until 6:00pm, the price £24 per person. To book contact us at 01473 621 564. But do it soon as this will fill quickly.

ELVIS' 40TH ANNIVERSARY TOURS

See note on Page 2 and the brochure enclosed with this Newsletter.

ELVIS FESTIVAL

What can we say – there probably aren't enough superlatives to describe the fun that we had at the recent Elvis Festival. This is a top notch holiday – good quality caravans, apartments and lodges; amazing facilities; brilliant bands; some superb guests and just about the biggest and best Elvis family get-together anywhere in the world. This year the Vauxhall 5 Star Holiday Park was a virtual sell-out...next year, to commemorate Elvis' 40th Anniversary, it certainly will be. Dates are Saturday 9th-Saturday 16th September. To make an advance booking contact Vauxhall direct on 01493 857 231 Brochure available with next Newsletter.

ADVANCE INFORMATION

ELVIS GOSPEL & BALLADS CONCERT

Following their taking of the Elvis Festival by storm this year, plans are afoot to bring back The Imperials in November 2017 for two concerts with the Morrision Orpheus Male Voice Choir of Wales – the same 'line-up' that was such a sensational success in 2013 but without, of course, the much-loved (and wickedly funny) Joe Moscheo who passed away earlier this year. One of the Concerts will be dedicated in Joe's memory with funds raised being passed to charities in his name. The likely dates are 17th and 19th November with concerts in Swansea and Cheltenham.

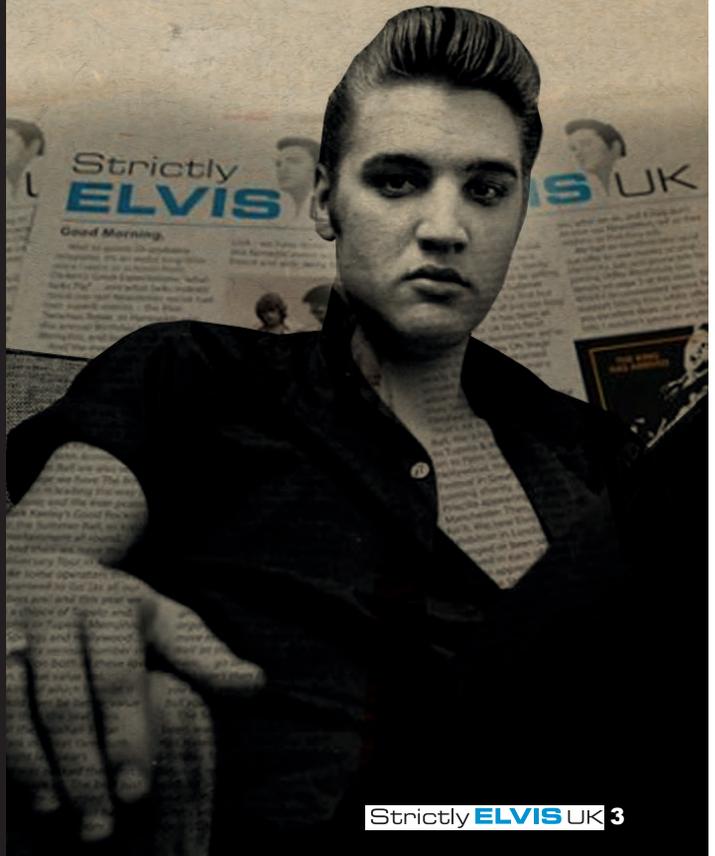
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Heart is.
By Carol Pugh



Looking back over this year's August tour there are several things that strike me. Firstly just how much we fitted into it, the great group we had - with ages ranging from 18 to 80 - and thirdly homes. So what has homes got to do with it, well on this occasion a lot, as we visited over 15 of them...where Elvis stayed, rented or bought, and each home gave us an insight into 'our man'; who he was, what he liked and what was important to him.

The tour began in Nashville. As many of you know the Wade always has a few surprises up his sleeve and this was no exception as we started with a visit to Colonel Tom Parker's home/office which we explored, seeing where many of Elvis' RCA and movie deals were done, and even the key-fob still had 'Colonels Office' printed on it! The group also had the opportunity to tour the Johnny Cash Museum which had a whole section dedicated to Elvis. We were joined by the boss - Randall Bart, who talked through plans of adding a Patsy Cline museum on the first floor and his ambition to visit us in the UK as he had heard about our Elvis Festival!

As well as the Ryman Auditorium and the Country Music Hall of Fame we included our old favourite Studio B but as is usual with the Travel Service we added a touch of magic. On this occasion it was in the form of Terry Blackwood from The Imperials and he joined us regaling precious memories of recording with Elvis.

Onward then to Memphis and no Elvis tour is complete without a full day at Graceland to explore the home he owned for the longest time and which he always returned to. One sad moment was seeing Vernon's house in such a sad state of decay now that it's unoccupied, hopefully that situation will change and that part of the Elvis history will be saved.

Next we headed to Elvis' Birthplace in Tupelo where the Police were waiting for us. No not because we're hardened criminals but, because of David's long friendship with the city, they honour us with a police outrider escort for our guided tour of all the Elvis sights there. It really is something, being allowed to stop traffic, run red lights and to be given a hero's welcome and only done for the Elvis Travel Service guests - if you've been part of this experience you'll know how special that feels. Also waiting at the Birthplace was Guy Harris, Elvis' childhood friend who joined the group to talk about Gladys, Vernon and Elvis, their various homes and their way of life in Tupelo.

After another day at leisure the following day featured our Elvis' Memphis sightseeing tour - 9 hours and including over 60 sites - the most in-depth sightseeing tour of its kind featuring several of Elvis' homes including the Circle G Ranch. At Lauderdale Courts we were joined by Blanche Jordan Scott, a friend of the teenage Elvis, who shared her stories of being a friend and neighbour of Elvis before he became famous.

With three more days in Memphis we were still filling every moment with Elvis events and we had the opportunity to see and meet Glen D Hardin, The Stamps Quartet, The Imperials, Estelle Brown of the Sweet Inspirations, Charles Stone and many more. And re-visit Graceland of course. Our last night in Memphis saw us throw a farewell party at the Heartbreak Hotel, a place that had been our home on tours since the 1980's and which will close once the new Guesthouse at Graceland is open. It was a night of heightened emotions, leaving the Heartbreak for the last time and saying our goodbyes to the group returning to the UK.



This year our extension tour started with Las Vegas and a stay at the Westgate, previously The International/Hilton. It was heart-warming to see the Elvis statue in the centre of the foyer where it belonged having stood outside for many years. What we wanted more than anything was to explore the showroom where Elvis performed so that's exactly what we did - only now with Dick Grob, who, as Elvis' Head of Security, had been there at Elvis' side.

We got all the inside information of how the set up worked and Elvis' rituals before each concert, we stepped onto the stage and looked out at the showroom and the newly refurbished booths transported us back to 'That's the Way It Is, we saw the Dressing Room and Green Room taking the elevator that Elvis once took and, just for good measure, we spend over an hour relaxing in the penthouse where Elvis had lived. Fabulous.

A few days later we made our way out of 'Bright Lights City' on our way to beautiful Palm Springs via the Mojave Desert and the Cowboy ghost town of Calico. The first morning in Palm Springs saw us heading to Idyllwild, nestled in the San Jacinto mountains and where Elvis filmed Kid Galahad. Having watched the film the day before it was like walking onto the film set, driving down the same road, stopping at the same garage, seeing the house that Elvis stayed in and the lodge where much of the movie was filmed. This is also where Marilyn Monroe and Joe DiMaggio spent their Honeymoon and I can understand why, it's so totally unspoilt.

Back in Palm Springs we saw the Colonel's house and two of Elvis' previous homes, one of which was the Honeymoon Home where we didn't just visit; no, we partied, with a champagne reception at Elvis pool-side! Sitting in the sunshine listening to Dick talking about the time he spent there with Elvis, dancing to the jukebox and sipping bubbly was very surreal and an ultimate experience for any Elvis fan.



The last days were spent visiting Beverly Hills and Elvis' homes there - Monovale and Hillcrest - as well as seeing many other Elvis-related sights including Elvis' star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, which was looking rather shabby until we produced packs of baby wipes and got it back to its shining best. When we needed a snack on the way out of the city we didn't stop at any 7/11, instead we stopped at the Ajax Market out of Change of Habit to finish off a perfect day. A lovely addition was a surprise Birthday Party for David attended by Greg Mc Donald who had worked closely with the Colonel and had owned Elvis' home at West Chino Canyon. The Birthday Cake was supplied by Sherman's, the Deli that used to deliver to Elvis when he lived in Palm Springs.

So, as you see, 'home really is where the heart is' and our hearts are anywhere and everywhere Elvis was. Our tours take you behind the scenes, beyond the ordinary and past the threshold of what any other tour does. If you want to experience the ultimate tour built up over 4 decades then our tours are for you. And no, we just don't turn up at the major anniversaries or birthdays; we are there twice, sometimes three times a year, EVERY year. You have to be in order to deliver tours of a lifetime and that is our aim and, of course, to make you feel right at home with this Elvis Family.

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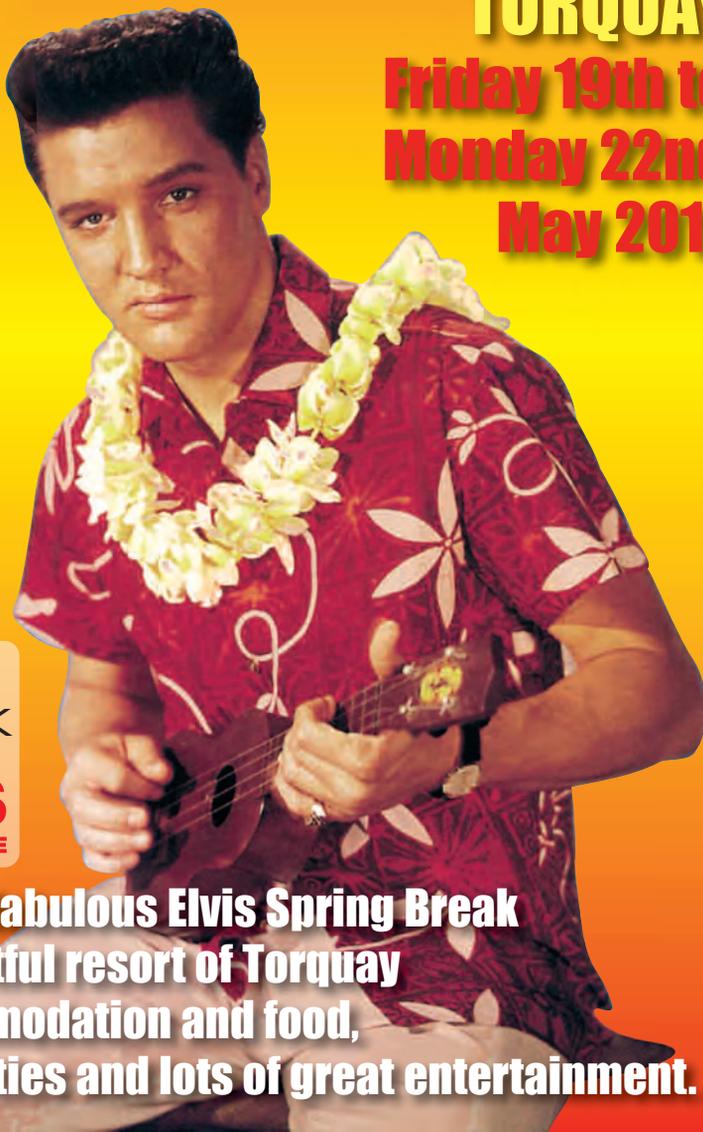
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Please enter details CLEARLY and tick here <input type="checkbox"/> if you require to book additional nights					
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PAYMENTS (PLEASE NOTE: Any bookings received less than 72 days prior to departure must be accompanied by FULL PAYMENT).

BY CHEQUE (Payable to Elvis Travel Service) I enclose remittance of:

_____ deposits of £60 per person. Total £ _____

BY DEBIT/CREDIT CARD Please note there is a 2% surcharge for paying by Debit/Credit Card. If you wish to pay your Deposit or final balance by Debit/Credit Card please provide a daytime phone number here and we will phone you to take your Card details over the phone or alternatively you can make your booking by phone on **01473 621 564** and we will take your card details at that time.

SPECIAL REQUESTS (dietary, medical etc.)

ADDRESS OF LEAD NAME TO WHOM ALL CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE SENT

Post Code	Email
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Room Requirements	Tick Box	DECLARATION OF HEALTH
Single	<input type="checkbox"/>	To the best of your knowledge, are all persons mentioned above in sound health, both physically and mentally, and suffering from no illness, complaint or infirmity of any description? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (If no, please advise brief details in accompanying letter:)
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Important terms and conditions are contained in this document, you should read and understand them before you sign. Please ask for assistance should you need it. I agree on behalf of all above named persons to accept TLH Leisure Resort's Reservation Conditions.

Signature.....

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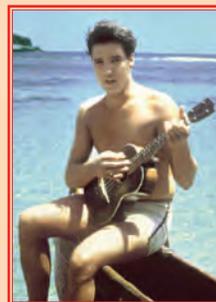
Our Elvis Spring Break is now a 'must do' regular event in the Elvis calendar so don't miss out on this stay at the excellent TLH Leisure Resort in Torquay - itself regarded as the jewel in the crown of the English Riviera. We're sure you'll love what we have in store for you.

The Victoria Hotel.

Accommodation is provided in the Victoria Hotel, part of the TLH Leisure Resort, a group of four adjacent hotels all connected by internal walkways and with a unique leisure facility comprising of indoor and outdoor swimming pools, sun deck and tennis courts, an indoor bowls green and a massive games room with snooker, pool, darts, table tennis and 4 full-size 10-pin bowling lanes. The hotel combines Victorian elegance with a high level of comfort.



The guestrooms, all with en suite facilities, have TV/radio, direct dial telephone and tea/coffee making facilities, there's a choice of comfortable lounges and bars to relax in and the Victoria Hotel's beautiful restaurant, with its beautiful glass domed ceiling provides a table-service dinner selection each evening and a delicious breakfast buffet to start each day. The entertainment for our special Spring Break will take place in the Richmond Ballroom of the Victoria Hotel.



Torquay

Famed for its position on Devon's sunny south coast the town is built on seven hills seemingly covered in classic Victorian villas and hotels linked by elegant streets leading down to sandy beaches and a bustling harbour. The town centre, rich in history, has an abundance of shops, bars, restaurants and places to sit and just watch the world pass by. *Perfect!*

Activities and Entertainment

We kick-off on **Friday** evening with our **All-Elvis Disco** - a great opportunity to relax after the journey, to meet up with old friends, dance or just sit back and listen to the great Elvis tracks.



Saturday morning brings together dealers and fans alike at our Elvis Marketplace and Swap Meet - a great place to buy (or sell?) Elvis merchandise and collectibles. On Saturday afternoon we have a movie and video session and in the evening we have live music with **Rockin' Dave Riley** followed by our **All-Elvis Disco**.



On **Sunday** morning we have an Elvis Request Session with **Rockin' Dave Riley** and the afternoon is free for you to explore Torquay or enjoy more Elvis film footage. This evening we welcome **Greggi G and His Crazy Gang** - a brilliant up-and-at-'em four piece rock'n'roll band that'll have you dancing the night away. Playing a great mix of music, all the way from 40's Swing to 80's rockabilly, their double bass, piano, drums and guitar combine into an explosion of classic sounds in an infectious style that never fails to please.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED

HOLIDAY DATES

This special long Weekend Break commences at 4:00 p.m. on Friday 19th May ending at 10:00 a.m. on Monday 22nd May 2017.

HOLIDAY PRICES

£238 per person sharing a standard twin or double-bedded room.
£258 per person in a single room.
£232 per person sharing a triple room.
£228 per person in a quad room.
£98 per child 5 - 14 years (sharing with 2 adults). Up to (and including) 4 years old - free.

SUPPLEMENTS

Guaranteed front-facing (sea view) rooms £28 per person.
Double room for single occupancy £40.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

The holiday price is inclusive of:

- ★ Three nights' accommodation
- ★ Full English Breakfast daily
- ★ Table Service Dinner daily
- ★ Daytime entertainment programme
- ★ Admission to the Elvis Marketplace and Swap Meet
- ★ Three evenings of great entertainment
- ★ Value added tax
- ★ The services of Elvis Travel Service Tour Managers

NOT INCLUDED

Any travel arrangements, lunches, drinks and personal items such as phone calls, laundry etc.



EXTRA NIGHTS

Make it an even longer holiday by staying extra nights at The Victoria Hotel – either before or after our Elvis Spring Break. Please mark the Reservation Form accordingly and we'll phone you with a price quotation before confirming or committing you. For example the price for an extra night in a twin or double rooms is £54 per person inclusive of breakfast and dinner.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We would recommend that all guests have travel insurance, in particular against cancellation from the holiday.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

A deposit of £60 per person is payable upon booking. The balance is due not less than 72 days prior to departure. Upon receipt of your deposit (and obviously subject to places being available), you will be sent a Confirmation. Approximately 14 days before the holiday you will be sent your final detailed instructions.

PAYMENT BY DEBIT OR CREDIT CARD

We are pleased to accept payment by Debit or Credit Card for all, or part, of the holiday cost.

If you wish to pay by Debit or Credit Card please call us on **01473 621 564**. Please note we cannot accept American Express.

ENQUIRIES & HOW TO BOOK

To make a booking simply telephone us on the number below or complete the Reservation Form and mail it to us at the following address:-

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

The holiday is arranged in conjunction with TLH Leisure Resort by the Elvis Travel Service/Strictly Elvis UK and if you have any other questions regarding the holiday or wish to book a table for the Elvis Marketplace then please don't hesitate to contact us on **01473 621 564**, by email at enquiries@strictlyelvis.net

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HOTEL BOOKING CONDITIONS

Your reservation is accepted subject to TLH Leisure Resort's standard conditions which are available online from www.strictlyelvis.net or by post from the Elvis Travel Service office. To obtain a copy simply call us on **01473 621 564**.

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The normally sleepy town of Bad Nauheim comes alive during their Elvis Weekend as thousands of fans from across the continent arrive to enjoy one big Elvis party - and it only happens once a year! Boarding our 'Frankfurt Special' at Heathrow, our group was soon in Germany and checked-in to our home for the weekend - the Dolce Hotel, also the centre of the Festival too. The rest of the day was spent planning which Festival events to attend. As well as visiting the huge market square where there were disco's, car parades, film shows and special guest interviews including George Klein.

The following sunny day saw the group enjoying a guided tour of Elvis sights. As with wherever we go, the Elvis Travel Service has built up strong friendships in the town and, through working closely with Fan Club groups, local people and journalists we've been able to create the most comprehensive Elvis tour there is. The town of Bad Nauheim is quite small and the tour is at a leisurely pace, but even with a brief coffee stop the tour lasted over 3 hours - we leave no stone unturned when it comes to our Elvis tours. We illustrated the tour with lots of rare and unusual photos, bringing the history of Elvis in the town to life. The afternoon and evening was free to enjoy the Festival events, or just to soak up the atmosphere at the multitude of cafes, bars and restaurants.



Ray Barracks, Elvis' Army post in nearby Friedberg closed in 2007 when the US Army pulled out of the town but, the next day after months of negotiation with the city council and the local fan club, the Travel Service were able to get our group inside - a real coup as they will soon be pulled down to create more housing. As a special extra treat our group also toured inside the base in a vintage coach accompanied by authentic US Army vehicles. We saw the barrack block he was assigned to, the mess hall named after him and the building in which he gave his press conference. With more rare photos being shown, plus being joined by people who knew Elvis during his time in Germany, this was a very special day. After the tour we had free time in the beautiful town of Friedberg with its fairytale-like castle and Elvis events on the town's 'Elvis Presley Platz'.

The evening saw a great concert by Terry Mike Jeffrey, after which we came together at the little memorial plaque to lay a bouquet of flowers and remember Elvis.

The next morning started with a fabulous Elvis gospel concert by our good friends 'The Imperials' who, knowing that our group was in the audience, called us down to the front to show the Europeans the actions for 'So High' and 'Working On The Building'.

After so much good German food and drink it was time to work some of it off with a walk up the hillside to the Johannisberg Café. This lovely establishment, enjoying unbeatable views of the town and surrounding countryside, was a favourite place of Elvis' and we tucked into huge slices of his favourite apple strudel whilst there.

While some of the group enjoyed more of the Festival in the afternoon, the rest took a trip out to nearby Steinfurth to see where Elvis and his platoon helped move a war memorial from the town's church. We saw the original location before moving on to see the memorial itself.

The last day came far too soon and after a few hours free in the morning to do some last minute shopping the group were back at Frankfurt airport for the flight home.

Bad Nauheim is a truly wonderful town where you can really feel close to Elvis, with so many places still remaining almost exactly the same as when he was there. To enjoy it the most though, you must visit in August whilst the Festival is on as there is so much to do and see with fans from all over the world coming together to celebrate Elvis' life.

The Elvis Travel Service will be visiting Bad Nauheim again - details to follow soon.



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CAME IN LOADED
BY MIKE DAVIS RN TCB.

'Avast me hearties', especially all those who boarded the good ship "Pride of London" for an excellent Elvis knees up on Old Father Thames. Admiral Cameron and ship mates Sam Henry, Karen Bardwell and Andy Smith joined me early dockside so we could dress the boat and test the sound equipment ready for our first Elvis in Essex/Strictly Elvis Thames Cruise.

Messer's Cameron and Henry left to meet the boarding party and keep off any pirates whilst Karen and I put up the flags around the decks. We then crossed the river to Westminster Pier to be greeted with cheering (and jeering!) from the excited party goers. Once tied up to the pier nearly 200 landlubbers rushed on board.

With the weather set fair we proceeded up the Thames towards Chelsea. DJ Andy soon had the dance floor full of happy shipmates whilst others were downing flagons of ale and goblets of wine, none of them sure if was the drink that made them unsteady on the decks or the wake of passing vessels.

We about turned at Chelsea and headed back towards the centre of the Capital, many of the boats we passed enjoyed our Elvis' music as it wafted across the water on this fine sunny day, - none more so than on HMS Sheffield as well as the pedestrians on Tower Bridge as we passed underneath on our way to Greenwich.

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The dancing to our DJ's excellent selection of platters kept the floor packed all the way back to Westminster. We had four hours of absolute joy. The feedback from this sell-out cruise was 100% that we should do it again... "please"!

Well me ol' shipmates, yes we can. Sailing date is Sunday 16th July 2017.

More info to come with times, ticket price and leaving point. Want to be there, then phone us now on 01473 621 564 and reserve your place



Next year's boat

Great Gospel

IN GREAT YARMOUTH

BY MADDY WILSON

Well, where do I start? What a great week it was for Gospel fans at the Elvis Festival!

The Sunday Service led by Reverend Derek Aldridge, was both inspiring and amusing, the Gospel being presented in Rev Aldridge's own inimitable way. We sang, to the accompaniment of Elvis; Somebody Bigger Than You or I, Stand By Me, We Call On Him, Bridge Over Troubled Water and You'll Never Walk Alone.

The closing prayer was cleverly written using song titles from Elvis films. To give you a taste of this, the final part of the prayer was; "So take *All That I Am* and let me know that *It's A Wonderful World*. Let me discover that *There's A Brand New Day On The Horizon* that leads to a *Happy Ending*. And for *As Long As I Have You* I promise not to *Stay Away* - in fact I'm sure *I'll Be Back*, Amen".

The highlight of the week for myself though, was the appearance of the Imperials who are now, since the passing of Joe Moscheo, a trio rather than a quartet. But what a trio! Terry Blackwood, who sang with Elvis both on stage and in the recording studio is the leader of the group, very ably accompanied by Darrell Toney and Royce Taylor.

The songs they sang included *This Train, He Touched Me, Working On The Building* (to which we were invited to do the actions - apparently the Brits being the most accomplished at this!) *The Secret, Sweet, Sweet, Spirit*, and a medley of *Battle Hymn of the Republic/ How Great Thou Art*. I have at this point to say how amazing this performance by the Imperials was.

Many people were touched by the music (hair standing upon back of the neck stuff). I spoke to a lady afterwards who is a long-time Elvis fan but had never listened to gospel music. She was "blown away" and could not wait to get her hands on the Imperials CD to hear more! The next day the Imperials did an informal interview, talking of their time with Joe Moscheo and how much he is missed, not only for his great voice, but for the wonderful, kind, fun person he was. Joe was a permanent member of the Board of the Gospel Music Association (GMA) and was instrumental in Elvis being inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame at a ceremony in the Ryman Auditorium, Nashville in 2001.

On a personal note it was especially great to be able to chat with Terry Blackwood whom I had first met in Nashville at that ceremony. As with the other members of the Imperials, his first love is for Gospel music.

We were delighted to be able to have our Elvis Gospel display stand with photos and information about some of the relatively unknown aspects of Elvis' faith and his Gospel music alongside the Sunday Gospel Service and again in the Elvis Marketplace and so thank you to all who visited us and to the Strictly Elvis team who worked so hard to make this a really memorable holiday, where the Gospel was featured and received so well. For those who have not yet considered the Gospel music which Elvis sang, I fully recommend it - you are in for a real treat!



These pages are available for all Elvis Fan Clubs to publicise their events free of charge. To be included in the next issue please forward contact details for the Fan Club together with details of any forthcoming events.

ENGLAND

London

Capital Elvis

John Talbot, 106 Hawbeck Road, Gillingham, Kent, ME8 9UY

Phone: 07763 388 717

Elvis Party Night at the Hoop and Toy. 34 Thurloe Place Kensington, SW7 2HQ,
5th November, 3rd December

London Collectors Fairs

Sunday October 16th 10am-3pm

The Portland Room, International Students Centre, 229 Great Portland Street, London, W1W 5PN

Hertfordshire

Capital Elvis/Herts Branch

Tony Dobb, 15 Princes Close, Berkhamsted, Herts, HP4 1JS

Phone: 07715 968 259

Email: tony.graceland@talk21.com

Essex

Elvis in Essex Organisation

Mike Davis, 11 Branta Fields, Hoo, Rochester, Kent, ME3 9BF

Phone: 07969 576 812

Elvis Disco. Saturday 17th 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

Bedfordshire

Bill Hyde

Phone: 07943 395 655

Elvis Discos. St Josephs Parish Hall, 68 Gardenia Ave, Luton, LU2 2NS. Fridays 25th November & 16th December

Lancashire

John Meller, 239 Blackburn Road, Haslingden, Rossendale, BB4 5JG

Phone: 07912 442 301

Email: johnmeller@yahoo.com

(or Duncan Jeffrey on 07534 695 500)

Nottinghamshire

Elvis in Nottinghamshire

Andy Cox,

Phone: 07838 161784

Email: andy.epfan@gmail.com

Regular Elvis Disco's - contact Andy for latest information.

Northamptonshire

Elvis in Northants

Mark & Bernie Herbert, 1 Woodside Green, Kings Heath, Northampton, NN5 7HU

Phone: 01604 753 778

Elvis Party
3rd December at the Ex-Servicemen's Club,
47 Sheep St., 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

Lynne Brooker, 4 Taverners Green Close, Wickford, Essex, SS12 9RQ

Phone: 01268 763 952

Email: elvisnow2004@hotmail.com

West Midlands

Elvis Hotshots

Phil Shakespeare 07999 410 666

All Elvis Party Nights with Elvis Big Screen Disco's

28th October, 25th November, 9th December

Hotshots, 100 Cresswells Road, Oldbury, Sandwell, West Midlands, B68 8HH

Tyne & Wear

Jim Mann, 19 Tanfield Road, Wrekenton, Gateshead, Tyne & Wear, NE9 7AX

Phone: 07526 094006

Email: mannjim26@yahoo.com

100% Elvis Disco - contact Jim for dates/venues

North Yorkshire

The King at the Coast

Neil & Cynthia Hardisty, 34 Main Street

East Ayton, Scarborough, N. Yorks, YO13 9HL

Yorkshire

Memphis King

June Clark (Club Secretary), 60 Northcote Drive, Leeds, LS11 6NH

Elvis Disco, 9th December. Richmond Hill Community Club, Railway Street, Leeds, LS9 8BH

Elvis Gospel Fan Club

Mrs Madeleine Wilson

Shalom, 87 St John's Avenue, Bridlington, East Yorkshire YO16 4NJ Email: info@elvisgospel.co.uk

Tel: 01262 416266

IRELAND

Ireland *Elvis Social Club*

John Kavanagh, 43 Bernard Curtis House, Bluebell, Dublin 12, Ireland

Holding regular "Elvis Social Nights" and major charity extravaganzas. www.elvissocialclub.net For regular updates, tune to: "Elvis Memories" radio show, Dublin City FM 103.2fm Sundays 6pm - 7pm. Tune in on-line www.dublincityfm.ie

NORTHERN IRELAND

Northern Ireland *OEPFC of Northern Ireland*

Janet Baxter, 4 Inver Court, Hollywood Road, Belfast, BT4 1RS

Phone: 07867 967 007

Email: oeffcni.2010@ntlworld.com

Elvis Disco. First Friday of every month.

8pm - Midnight £5 admission at

Dockers Club, 57 Pilot Street BT1 3AH.

WALES

Wales *Elvis in Wales*

Carol Pugh Phone: 07785 107 814

Email: tcb.carol@gmail.com

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

28th October, 25th November, 9th 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 Camelon Bowling Club, Main Street, Camelon.

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

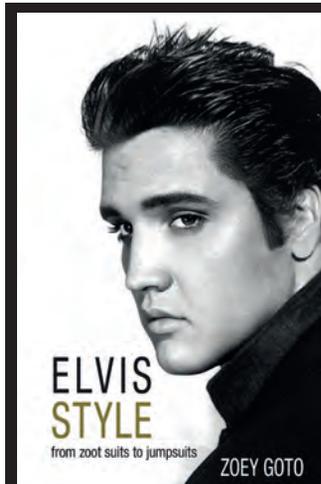
Strathclyde *Forever Elvis Fan Club*

Margaret Colhoun, 77 MacArthur Wynd,

Cambuslang, Glasgow, G72 7GB

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