A photograph of Rod Stewart performing on stage. He is wearing a leopard print blazer over a white shirt and a patterned tie, and is holding a microphone. He is leaning forward with a joyful expression. In the background, two other band members are visible, one playing a white electric guitar and another playing a bass guitar. The stage is lit with colorful spotlights.

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South Wales **ECHO**

Get your Handbags and Gladrags ready – Rod's coming to Cardiff

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JEFF MITCHELL

Hull Daily MAIL

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LEGENDARY rocker Rod Stewart will perform at Hull's KC Stadium next year in what could be one of the biggest music concerts the city has ever seen. In a major coup Hull businessman David Kilburn has managed to broker a deal to bring the

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superstar to the city on June 14. It will be the first concert staged at the KC since boyband JLS

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performed back in 2011 and only the second in eight years.

But, unlike other gigs, a large chunk of the proceeds from the concert will go to good causes with Daisy Appeal and Holy Trinity Church's restoration fund benefiting.

Mr Kilburn is executive chairman of building supplies firm MKM which will finance the concert. He is a life-long fan and has

been trying to get the international rock star to the city for two years.

Mr Kilburn said: "I am so excited we have finally got Rod Stewart coming to Hull. Rod is one of my favourite performers and it is far too long since we have seen an act like this in the city.

"I have every faith this event will create lots of enjoyment for many thousands of people and I cannot wait for June 14."

The Stadium Management Company, which runs the KC, says it

has waited for the right act.

Simon King, head of commercial at Hull KC, said: "We are delighted to have Rod Stewart, an artist with a huge international appeal, coming to Hull.

"We have worked hard for the past two years to bring a concert to the KC Stadium and, with the help of MKM and David Kilburn, we have been able to attract a superstar to help us showcase the region and demonstrate just what we have to offer ahead of the 2017 UK City of Culture celebrations."

Rod's tour promoter Cuffie and Taylor confirmed the star would be coming to Hull this morning. Director Peter Taylor said: "The (tour) venues stretch right across the UK, giving tens of thousands of people the opportunity to see one of the best live acts in the world.

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The Press and Journal ABERDEEN

Familiar face Rod Stewart back to rock the Highlands

Music: Caledonian Stadium gig is on

BY JANE CANDLISH

Rock star Rod Stewart will return to the Highlands next year to perform in front of thousands of his north fans.

The Caledonian Stadium in Inverness will host the legendary singer for a second time as part of his 2016 UK tour.

The concert – on Saturday, June 18 – will be the penultimate gig on his eight-date tour and one of only two performances in Scotland.

Best known for hits such as Handbags and Gladraggs, Maggie May and Rhythm of My Heart, the 70-year-old rocker last visited Inverness in July 2010.

He performed in front of about 19,000 people in a stadium that usually attracts about 4,000 to home matches.

The influx of people to

the Highland capital brought a major boost to the economy, as hotels, guesthouses and B&Bs filled up.

But there was also traffic chaos as long queues formed on the routes to the venue, which is just off the main A9 Inverness-Thurso road.

The start of the concert was delayed by 40 minutes to allow fans to take their places.

Last night, Inverness Caley Thistle chairman Kenny Cameron welcomed the announcement of the veteran singer's return.

He said: "Having the opportunity to welcome Rod back to Inverness following the huge success he was last time round is a great privilege for the club.

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Peter Taylor, director of concert promoters Cuff and Taylor, said: "We are thrilled to be working with Rod Stewart and his team yet again."

He added: "The venues stretch right across the UK, giving tens of thousands of people the opportunity to see one of the best live acts in the world.

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The singer will also perform at Kilmarnock's Rugby Park on June 17, and play concerts in Norwich, Plymouth, Southampton, Cardiff and Hull, finishing in Carlisle.

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est studio album, Another Country.

Tickets go on general release from 9am on October 2, but pre-sale and fan club tickets will go on sale on Wednesday at 9am.

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HIGHLAND FLING: Rod Stewart will perform at a concert in Inverness

The Inverness Courier

Rod Stewart's stadium tour coming to Inverness

ROCKER Rod Stewart will return to Inverness next summer as part of his UK tour.

The 70-year-old announced an eight date UK stadium tour which will include a concert at Caley Thistle's Caledonian Stadium on 18th June next year.

It comes fresh from his triumphant Hyde Park Radio 2 show where he played to more than 50,000 people, and on the eve of releasing a brand new studio album 'Another Country'.



ICT chairman Kenny Cameron has welcomed the announcement of Rod Stewart's long awaited return to the Tulloch Caledonian Stadium.

"Having the opportunity to welcome Rod back to Inverness following the huge success he was last time round is a great privilege for the club," he said.

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In a career spanning more than five decades, Stewart has amassed sales of more than 200 million albums and singles worldwide.

Throughout his career Stewart has garnered two inductions into the coveted Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, won a Grammy, the ASCAP Founders Award for songwriting, and in 2007 was bestowed Commander of the British Empire (CBE) by the Queen.

The superstar will also be performing in Norwich, Plymouth, Southampton, Cardiff, Hull, Kilmarnock and Carlisle.

Tickets go on sale from 9am on Friday and are priced at £55, £75 and £95. Pre-sale and fan club tickets will go on sale 9am on Wednesday.

Eastern Daily Press

Rod returns to rock Carrow Road

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Rock legend **Rod Stewart** will kick-off his UK tour next year at Carrow Road.

Revealed exclusively today in the EDP, the 70-year-old singer – best known for hits such as Maggie May and Sailing – will return to the city on Saturday, June 4, having performed at the football ground on June 8, 2011.

The announcement has been branded a boost for the region, putting Norwich on the map as a magnet for big-name artists.

Norwich City Football Club's commercial director Ben Kensell said: "We're delighted that Rod Stewart will be returning to Carrow Road for another concert following his hugely successful performance here in 2011. It's another great opportunity for his many thousands of fans in the region to enjoy the performance of this British music legend."

The singer-songwriter, who came to prominence in the Faces, is the latest in a list of major names to perform at the Canaries' home ground such as Elton John in 2005 and George Michael in 2007.

Pete Waters, executive director of Visit East Anglia, said: "Anything that helps raise the profile of Norfolk and get us publicity has to be great news for the county.

"The more things like this we have, the more development and investment in product and events, the better it will be for the overall economy."

Earlier this month, the singer performed at the Hyde Park Radio 2 show, where he played to more than 50,000 people. Next month he releases a new studio album, *Another Country*.

Tickets go on sale from 9am on Friday. They are priced at £55, £75 and £95 plus special VIP packages

are available from www.ticketline.co.uk

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■ Rod Stewart was welcomed on stage at Carrow Road in 2011 by then Norwich City manager Paul Lambert.



The life and times of Rod the Mod



■ Roderick David Stewart was born on January 10, 1945 in London.
 ■ Known for his signature raspy voice, he performed in a number of bands in the 1960s including Steamhammer and the Jeff Beck Group.
 ■ In 1969 he became socialist with the Faces, who went on to have three top-10 singles in the early 1970s.
 ■ At the same time, he embarked on a solo career, with Maggie May becoming his first number one in 1971. You Wear

It Well was also a chart-topper the following year.

■ Later number ones included Sailing (1975), I Don't Want To Talk About It (1977), Do Ya Think I'm Sexy? (1978) and Baby Jane (1983).

■ He moved to Los Angeles in 1975.

■ A well-known football fan, in 1978 he recorded the Scotland World Cup theme song Ole Ola.

■ At the 1993 Brit Awards, Stewart picked up the prize for Outstanding Contribution to Music.

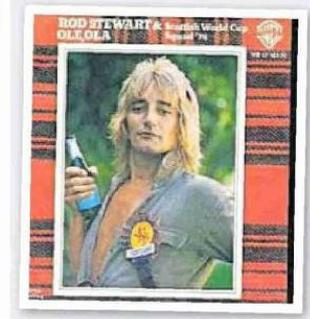
■ He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1994.

■ Following a change of style, his five Great American Songbook collections released between 2002 and 2010 were multi-million sellers.

■ In 2004 he won a Grammy Award for best traditional pop vocal album.

■ In 2007 he was made a CBE for "services to music".

■ He has eight children and is married to model Penny Lancaster-Stewart, his third wife.



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Rod Stewart to perform in Hull

It has been revealed that Rod Stewart is to perform at Hull's KC stadium as part of his eight date UK tour next year.

Tickets for the concert will go on sale at the beginning of next month.



Hull Daily MAIL

'I felt it was about time we had someone like Rod in Hull'

Lifelong fan and businessman is realising a dream to bring superstar singer to the city

By James Campbell

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HAVING been a lifelong fan, Hull businessman David Kilburn is realising a dream in bringing **Rod Stewart** to the city.

The executive chairman of successful building supplies firm MKM has harboured a desire to see his favourite artist perform in his home city for some time.

Now he has helped attract Rod, who will perform at the KC Stadium on June 14, 2016.

"I saw Rod Stewart at the Commonwealth Games last year," Mr Kilburn said. "I felt it was about time we had someone like him in Hull and that kick-started it."

"I wasn't confident it would happen to be honest. I wanted to try and do it this year but he wasn't touring."

"We kept up the discussions and he was prepared to do a stadium tour and we managed to persuade him to come to Hull."

"We have been working closely with Rod's promoters and MKM is underwriting the whole thing."

But pitching Hull to the star's people has not been easy, admits Mr Kilburn.

"Hull isn't on the promoters' list of places to come," he said.

"We were prepared to underwrite the concert to take away that element of risk, but we are confident it will be a success."

"There will be 25,000 tickets on sale and we believe there will be a big catchment area because the nearest other Rod Stewart gig will probably be Carlisle."

As well as seeing his idol, Mr

Kilburn has been driven by a desire to repay the city that has been so good to him. Proceeds from the concert will go to the Daisy Appeal and Holy Trinity Church.

"We are trying to raise the profile of Hull," he said. "MKM has been here for 21 years and we have had such good support locally. We wanted to give something back."

Simon King, head of commercial at Hull KC, said the decision to hold

a concert is not taken lightly.

"They are expensive to run," he said, "so we are always taking a risk."

"We are the biggest venue in Hull and we should be holding concerts every summer."

The charities benefiting, including Holy Trinity Church which needs £4m to pay for its restoration, have thanked Mr Kilburn for making the charitable event happen.

"We want to congratulate David Kilburn publicly for pulling off this coup," the Reverend Canon Dr Neal Barnes said. "This will be the first time in many years the KC Stadium has hosted a major music event and the Rod Stewart performance can put Hull back on the map for top-level concerts."

The Daisy Appeal, which raises money to buy equipment for Hull Royal and Castle Hill hospitals, has also welcomed the news.

A spokesman said: "Big events like this are fantastic for the city. Our next fundraising target is £4.25m, so this concert will undoubtedly help towards us achieving that goal and

saving even more lives."

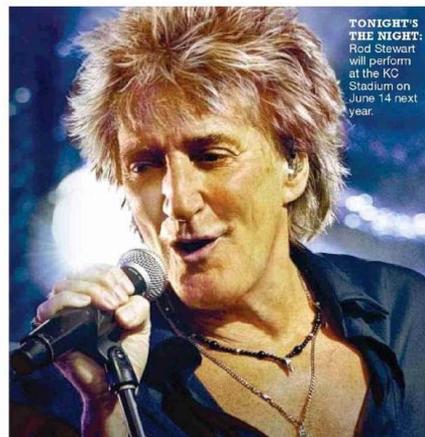
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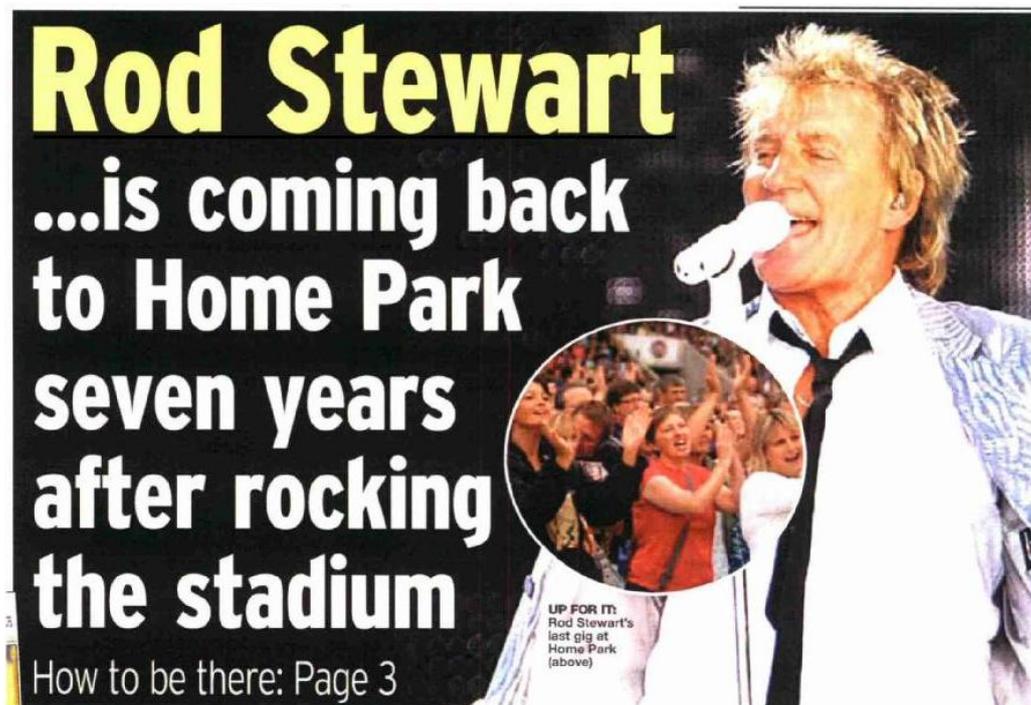
BIG FAN: David Kilburn.



TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT: Rod Stewart will perform at the KC Stadium on June 14 next year.

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THE Herald



Rod Stewart
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to Home Park
seven years
after rocking
the stadium

How to be there: Page 3

UP FOR IT:
Rod Stewart's
last gig at
Home Park
(above)

The image shows a newspaper article snippet. On the right is a photograph of Rod Stewart singing into a microphone, wearing a white shirt, a dark tie, and a light-colored patterned jacket. On the left, there is a large yellow headline 'Rod Stewart' followed by white text: '...is coming back to Home Park seven years after rocking the stadium'. Below this is the text 'How to be there: Page 3'. A circular inset photo shows a crowd of people cheering. A small caption below the inset reads 'UP FOR IT: Rod Stewart's last gig at Home Park (above)'.

THE Herald

In Rod we trust: Singer coming back to Argyle

by **STUART ABEL**

Herald Reporter

SUPERSTAR singer Rod Stewart is returning to Home Park in Plymouth next June.

Rod, who last played at Argyle's stadium in 2009, is bringing his national UK Hits tour back to the city.

He will stride out on stage on Tuesday June 7.

Only eight stadia in England, Wales and Rod's native Scotland are being visited by the man whose career has stretched over five decades.

Argyle chief executive Martyn Starnes has promised fans will experience "another sensational Plymouth night".

Though the concert is at the end of the football season, tickets go on sale from Friday.

Rod has amassed sales of more than 200 million albums and singles worldwide, including hits such as "You Wear It Well", "Sailing" and "The First Cut is the Deepest".

He is promoting his latest album, called "Another Country", which is out at the end of next month – but The Hits 2016 tour promises a run through his triumphant back-catalogue.

Rod, who has been made a CBE, has just played in front of 50,000 people in Hyde Park in London.

Mr Starnes said: "On behalf of Britain's Ocean City, the football club is delighted to welcome Rod Stewart back to Home Park and to the West Country.

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The fully seated outdoor tour is being presented by Cuffie and Taylor who boast that Rod is one of the "best live acts in the world".

He kicks off at Norwich's Carrow Road ground on Saturday June 4, before crossing the country to Plymouth. The tour also takes in Southampton, Cardiff, Hull, Kilmarnock, Inverness and finishes in Carlisle.

Rod last played in the rain at Home Park in July 2009 in what The Herald called "a stonking live show".

Elton John, watched by 22,000 fans, and George Michael both played gigs at Home Park in 2007.

Meat Loaf and Westlife performed the following year. Tickets go on sale from 9am on October 2.

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Rod Stewart to perform at home of Hampshire cricket

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EveningTimes

VETERAN ROCKER HITS THE ROAD IN 2016 – BUT BYPASSES GLASGOW

Rod gets set to kick off a tour of football stadiums

ROCKER Rod Stewart is hitting the road next June for an eight date tour, including two gigs in Scotland.

The 70-year-old is heading to Kilmarnock and Inverness as part of his UK football stadium tour next June.

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Calcy Thistle chairman Kenny Cameron welcomed the announcement of the singer's long awaited return up north.

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The full list of stadium dates for June 2016 is:

June 4: Norwich, Carrow Road
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June 10: Southampton, Agcas Bowl
June 11: Cardiff City Stadium
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Rod Stewart kicks off his tour next June, with two Scottish dates – Kilmarnock and Inverness

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'Maggie May' singer Rod Stewart announces UK tour will be coming to the venue in 2016



Rod Stewart will be performing at Hampshire's Ageas Bowl next year

Music icon plans Ageas Bowl gig

HE IS a world class entertainer who is ranked among the biggest selling artists of all time.

Now Rod Stewart will be performing to his legion of Hampshire fans when his tour rocks into the county next year.

The *Daily Echo* can reveal that the superstar has fixed a date in Southampton where he will be belting out his array of hit songs at Southampton's Ageas Bowl.

His tartan army of fans will be able to see the 70-year-old perform at the venue on June 10 as part of an eight date UK stadium tour.



Hilary Porter



The announcement comes hot off the heels of his triumphant Hyde Park Radio 2 show, where he played to more than 50,000 people, and on the eve of releasing a brand new studio album 'Another Country'.

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Western Daily Press

Legendary singer Rod planning a long-awaited return to the West Country

Rock legend Rod Stewart is set to return to the West Country, playing Plymouth Argyle Football Club's Home Park Stadium next summer.

The iconic singer-songwriter, who last played the venue in 2009 and is one of the best-selling music artists of all time, will take to the stage on June 7, 2016, as part of his UK Hits tour.

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Legendary singer Rod Stewart

WalesOnline

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Western Mail

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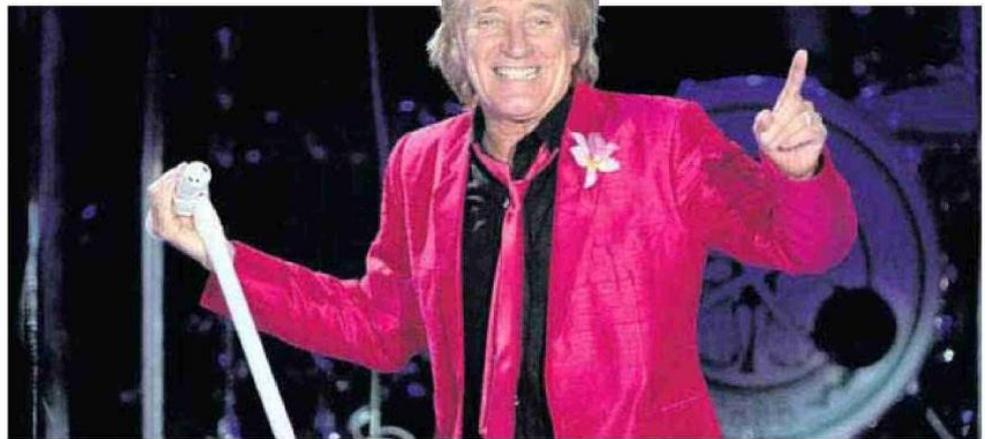
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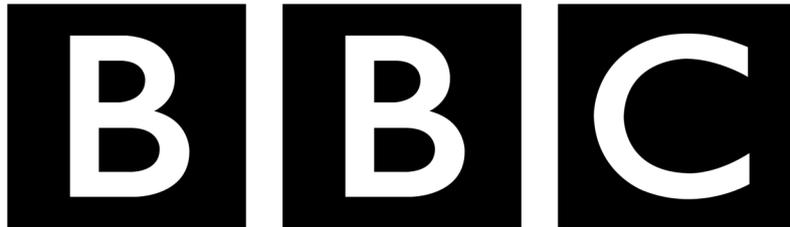
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Tim McGuinness



Rod Stewart gigs at football stadiums in Inverness and Kilmarnock



Singer Rod Stewart is to perform two gigs in Scotland next year as part of an eight-date UK tour.

The 70-year-old will appear at Inverness Caledonian Thistle FC's stadium where he entertained almost 20,000 fans five years ago.

Stewart will also perform at Kilmarnock's Rugby Park during his visit to Scotland in June.

In a five decade career the singer has sold more than 200 million records worldwide.

Stewart will perform in Kilmarnock on 17 June and Inverness on 18 June.



Businessman underwrites Rod Stewart concert for charity

A local businessman is underwriting Rod Stewart's concert in Hull and all the proceeds will go to charity.

The rock star is set to perform at Hull's KC stadium as part of his eight date UK tour next year.

The 25,000 tickets for the show will go on sale at the beginning of October with all monies raised going to the Daisy Appeal and Holy Trinity Church.



Daily Record

Rod Stewart to play Kilmarnock and Inverness: Rocker brings UK stadium tour to Scotland



THE Maggie May singer is set to fill Rugby Park and The Caledonian Stadium in June next year and tickets go on sale later this week.

ROD STEWART will play Kilmarnock's Rugby Park and Inverness' Caledonian Stadium in June as part of an eight-date UK stadium tour.

The veteran rocker released details of his 2016 'The Hits' tour today on the eve of releasing a new studio album Another Country.

And he'll be hitting the Ayrshire town on Friday, June 17, before performing in the Highlands the next day.

Kilmarnock chairman Jim Mann told his club's website: "We are thrilled to be able to host an event featuring such a world superstar as Rod Stewart.

"There will be great excitement amongst his many fans resident locally that they will be able to see and hear him in person, on stage, at Rugby Park.

"It is a great pleasure to be able to attract stars such as Rod to our venue here in Kilmarnock and we are looking forward to working with all the local support agencies to make sure it is a big success."

Tickets will go on sale this Friday at 9am at www.ticketline.co.uk

THE Herald

Plymouth's biggest Rod Stewart fan 'can't wait' for Home Park gig next June

A PLYMOUTH woman who claims she is Rod Stewart's "biggest fan" can't wait to get a glimpse of him again at his upcoming city gig. And 54-year-old Ellie Hudson hopes his gig at Home Park will finally be her chance to meet the superstar singer.

"Rod is my number one hobby," said Ellie, who lives in Ford. "He's sort of become my whole lifestyle."

For Ellie, who works in public relations, her love for Rod Stewart doesn't stem from his looks, but purely his 'resonating' lyrics. She said: "Even if you don't like him all of his songs tell a story. Lot of bands write lyrics purely that rhyme, but Rod writes lyrics that resonate with people. He definitely writes his best songs when he's heartbroken, not that I want him to be heartbroken!"

Rod Stewart announced he was returning to Plymouth on Sunday night – last playing here in 2009.

"I'm like a kid with ants in my pants," said Ellie, who has followed Rod Stewart across the UK, and has already seen him play twice this month (Sep). "It's amazing and very emotional that he's playing in my home city."

Ellie's love for Rod's music first began in 1972, when she was 11-year-old. She was sat at home watching Top of the Pops when number one hit Maggie May came on – a song expressing the emotions of a young man involved in a relationship with an older woman, written from Rod's own experiences.

Ellie said: "I'm not one of those fans who fancies him. I've never put posters on my wall; I kept that for Bon Jovi! But I've grown up with Rod Stewart's music and it really provided a backdrop to my entire life. Whatever's going on in my life, be it something sad or something happy, there's always one of his songs that's relevant."

She added: "I'm determined at the Plymouth Argyle gig to try and meet him. I might even try to hijack the barrier. I've been really close to him before, or I've just missed him. Rod is a very nice guy; he is the ultimate entertainer. He really connects with his fans and although he's a multi-millionaire he never forgets to say 'thank you' at his gigs. He's a working class boy done good and he's very attuned to his fan base."

Ellie has met plenty of other Rod Stewart fans over the years after joining a Facebook group dedicated to one of the best-selling music artists of all time.

"I've got to know hundreds of fans over the years," said Ellie. "There's a real network of us connecting and meeting up all the time. We have annual conventions to get together all round the country, and there's fans I can stay with for any gig. A whole load will be coming down to Plymouth next year, and we're organising a party afterwards too."

Pre-sale and fan club tickets will go on sale 9am on Wednesday, September 30. Tickets are priced at £55, £75, and £95, and special VIP packages are available from www.ticketline.co.uk



Norwich Evening News

Rod Stewart to return to Norwich's Carrow Road

As we can reveal exclusively today, the 70-year-old singer – best known for hits such as Maggie May and Sailing – will return to the city's football ground on June 4, having wowed thousands at a previous gig there in 2011.

The announcement has been branded a boost for the region, putting Norwich on the map as a magnet for big-name artists.

Norwich City Football Club's commercial director Ben Ken-sell said: "We're delighted that Rod Stewart will be returning to Carrow Road for another concert following his hugely successful performance here in 2011.

"It's another great opportunity for his many thousands of fans in the region to enjoy the performance of this British music legend."

Singer-songwriter Mr Stewart, who came to prominence in the bands The Jeff Beck Group and Faces, is among other major names to perform at the Canary's home ground such as Elton John in 2005 and George Michael in 2007.

Pete Waters, executive director of Visit East Anglia, said: "Anything that helps raise the profile of Norfolk and get us publicity has to be great news for the county.

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Mr Stewart will take to Carrow Road from his Hyde Park Radio 2 show where he played to more than 50,000 people, and on the eve of releasing a new studio album, Another Country.

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Western Morning News

Rod's ready to rock again in return Plymouth gig

BY DAWN ELLIS

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Rock legend Rod Stewart is set to return to the Westcountry, playing Plymouth Argyle Football Club's Home Park Stadium next summer.

The iconic singer-songwriter, who last played the venue in 2009 and is one of the best-selling music artists of all time, will take to the stage on June 7, 2016, as part of his UK Hits tour.

The news comes fresh from his triumphant Hyde Park Radio 2 show where he played to more than 50,000 people, and on the eve of releasing a brand new studio album 'Another Country'.

Plymouth Argyle chief executive Martyn Starnes said: "On behalf of Britain's Ocean City, the football club is delighted to welcome Rod Stewart back to Home Park and to the Westcountry.

"Rod's previous triumphant concert at the stadium is still remembered by those who

packed the ground to hear him then, and we are sure that demand for tickets this time will reflect the expectation of what is sure to be another sensational Plymouth night."

The fully seated outdoor tour is being presented by Cuffe and Taylor whose director Peter Taylor said: "We are thrilled to be working with Rod Stewart and his team yet again. In 2014 we worked on three dates and I am delighted we are the sole promoter of the Rod Stewart Stadium Tour for 2016.

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tunity to see one of the best live acts in the world. It is great that all but two of the venues are new to Rod Stewart and we are confident there will be a lot of excitement as summer approaches."

With his distinctive voice, narrative songwriting and passionate live performances, Rod Stewart has built one of the most successful and enduring music careers of all time.

"In a career spanning more than five decades, he has amassed sales of more than 200 million albums and singles worldwide.

Throughout his career Rod's garnered two inductions into the coveted Rock and Roll Hall

of Fame, won a Grammy, the ASCAP Founders Award for songwriting, and in 2007 was bestowed Commander of the British Empire (CBE) by the Queen.

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Rod Stewart pictured in concert back in 2009 at Home Park in Plymouth

Diss Mercury

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Rod Stewart heads to Carlisle in Hits 2016 Tour

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Carlisle United's Sales and Marketing Director Phil King said: "We are delighted to be welcoming Rod Stewart to Carlisle United. This is fantastic news for the football club and the whole of Carlisle and surrounding area.

"Rod takes a superb following wherever he goes - we have no doubt this is going to be a fantastic event and look forward to welcoming thousands of music fans to Brunton Park on the night."

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Pre-sale tickets went on sale at 9am on Wednesday 30 September.

Tickets priced at £55, £75 and £95, plus special VIP packages, are available from www.ticketline.co.uk from 9am on Friday 2 October.



Rod Stewart announces Cumbrian concert

Superstar Rod Stewart is to play a huge open-air concert in Carlisle.

The legendary musician today announced a gig at Carlisle United's Brunton Park stadium next summer. He will play to thousands as the ground is turned into an all-seated concert venue for the show on June 21.

It will be the final night of an eight-date UK tour that will see the Maggie May singer play at seven other stadiums.

The gig will be the first major concert to be held at Brunton Park since Sir Elton John played to a sell-out 20,000-strong crowd in 2007. Tickets go on general sale on Friday.

Bringing massive football fan Stewart to Carlisle is a major coup for Blues executives, with the night set to provide another huge entertainment pay day for the city.

Phil King, United's sales and marketing director, said: "We are delighted to be welcoming Rod Stewart. This is fantastic news for the football club, the whole of Carlisle and surrounding area.

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The tour dates have been announced just two days before the release of Stewart's new studio album, Another Country.

His visit to Carlisle will undoubtedly see him put his hugely distinctive voice to great use to perform some of his upcoming hits, as well as those from his massive back catalogue – from classics such as Hot Legs and Sailing, to his hugely successful Great American Songbook series.

In a career spanning more than five decades, the former Faces frontman has notched-up more than 200 million album and single sales worldwide.

The tour, which stretches from Southampton to Inverness, is being presented by Cuffe and Taylor. Its director, Peter Taylor, said: "The venues give tens of thousands of people the opportunity to see one of the best live acts in the world.

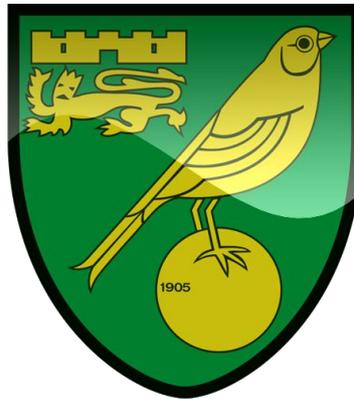
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Although he's never played a gig at Brunton Park before, Stewart has taken to Carlisle's pitch. He was part of an all-star line-up at a charity game there in 1992.

Stewart is the latest in a string of big names to perform in Carlisle. Sir Tom Jones packed out Bitts Park for a huge gig in July, while Carlisle Racecourse has played host to acts including the Kaiser Chiefs, Jessie J and Madness in recent years.

This story also appeared on News & Star web (20,048).



Singer to start 2016 UK Stadium tour in Norwich

NORWICH City Football Club is delighted to announce world-famous artist Rod Stewart will begin his UK Hits 2016 stadium tour at Carrow Road on Saturday, June 4, 2016.

The news comes in the wake of Stewart's triumphant Hyde Park Radio 2 show where he played to more than 50,000 people, and ahead of him releasing the brand new studio album 'Another Country' next month in co-production with Kevin Savigar.

'Another Country' follows the huge success of 2012's 'Time', which entered the UK Albums Chart at number one and set a new British record for the longest gap between chart-topping albums by an artist.

'Time' also marked Stewart's highest-charting album of original material in America since 1979, with his singular voice, narrative songwriting and passionate live performances contributing to one of the world's most successful and enduring musical talents.

In a career spanning more than five decades, Stewart has amassed sales of more than 200 million albums and singles worldwide.

He has also garnered two inductions into the coveted Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, won a Grammy, the ASCAP Founders Award for songwriting, and in 2007 was bestowed Commander of the British Empire (CBE) by the Queen.

In 2012, Stewart became a New York Times Bestselling author with the release of his autobiography. 'Rod'.

The fully seated outdoor eight-date UK stadium tour is being presented by Cuffe and Taylor, and starts at Norwich City FC's own Carrow Road!

TICKETS & SEATING

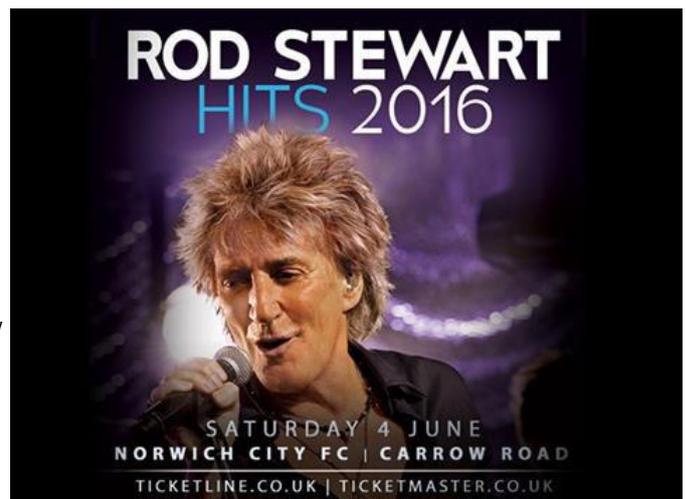
The concert will be fully seated, with seating in the stands and on the pitch.

Seats will be sold as reserved seating by Block and Row Number, meaning the earlier you book, the better the seat you will be able to secure.

Pre-sale and Fan Club tickets went on sale from 9am Wednesday, September 30.

General sale tickets will be available from from 9am on Friday, October 2 via www.ticketline.co.uk or by calling 0844 888 9991

Please note: General admission tickets are not available from the Norwich City ticket office, website, or Canaries Official stores.





Rod pops up north

ROD Stewart is to perform at Inverness Caledonian Stadium as part of an eight date UK tour.

The rocker will play to a sellout crowd as part of his UK hits tour next June 18.

Rod, 70, is fresh from a triumphant Hyde Park Radio 2 show where he played to more than 50,000 people, and will be releasing a brand new studio album *Another Country* in October.

Caley Thistle chairman Kenny Cameron said he was looking forward to Rod's first appearance in Inverness since 2010.

He said: "Having the opportunity to welcome Rod back to Inverness following the huge success he was last time round is a great privilege."

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Rocker Rod Stewart to play KC Stadium

LEGENDARY rocker Rod Stewart, pictured, will perform at Hull's KC Stadium next year in one of the biggest music concerts the city has ever seen.

From Facebook:

Alyson Shipley says: Personally, I'm not a fan, but it's about time they started bringing big names to Hull and using the KC Stadium for concerts again. Way overdue.

Lee Holderness says: This city needs a better venue away from the hospital. But this is great. If it's good enough for Rod, then it's good enough for other big bands who seem to pass us by.

Ann Ware says: If we have names like him coming to the KC Stadium, why do we need that concert venue behind Princes Quay?

Phil Arundell says: This will be an amazing show. Can't



wait. I've seen him twice before and he is fantastic live.

Paul Spencer says: He's an icon! A legend one of very few that still walk this earth. He's from a generation that changed music and that was born with raw talent! A generation that had natural talent for singing and playing and writing music. People like the Rolling Stones, The Beatles, Sir Elton John, Queen, Phil Collins, Eurythmics, etc. We should be proud and honoured.

Tyrone Nagi-Smith says: Not a fan, but I'm just happy to see Hull bringing in big names again.



Vicar's tribute as Holy Trinity set to benefit from Rod Stewart concert

The Vicar of Hull's historic Holy Trinity Church has today paid tribute to the local businessman who is bringing music legend Rod Stewart to Hull and thanked him for nominating the church's development project to benefit from the show.

The Rev Canon Dr Neal Barnes has written to MKM Executive Chairman David Kilburn congratulating him on his "coup" in securing the star's performance at the KC Stadium next year.



Dr Barnes told Mr Kilburn everyone at Holy Trinity had been "bowled over" by his generosity in nominating the Holy Trinity development project and Hull's Daisy Appeal for the proceeds of the event.

In his letter he added: "It is a significant gesture and will go a long way to helping us to bring about this much-needed transformation to our wonderful building and the surrounding area.

"Our plans will not only help us serve the local people and those in need much more effectively, but will also aid the vital regeneration of the Old Town. Holy Trinity is one of the jewels in Hull's crown but could be so much more! Your donation - and the extra profile it will give the project - could be a real game changer and we can't thank you enough!"



Hospitality packages available for the Hits 2016 Tour

The announcement that Brunton Park is to be part of Rod Stewart's eight date UK stadium tour in 2016 was fantastically well received this week with phone lines already busy as fans seek more details about the June 21 Hits 2016 concert.

With the brand new studio album 'Another Country' set for release in October 2015, via Decca Records, it's set to be a celebration of hits old and new and we are delighted to announce a range of hospitality packages to complement the big event.

Foxy's Restaurant package

Enjoy a superb three-course meal in Foxy's Restaurant at Brunton Park, a Prosecco and Pimms drinks reception, the best seats in the house and a souvenir concert programme.

Only £220 per person.

Shepherds Inn package

Hosted at the Shepherds Inn, enjoy fine food in style with a three-course meal, drinks reception, transport to Brunton Park, the best seats in the house and a souvenir concert programme.

Only £220 per person.

Sunset Suite/Sporting Inn package

Enjoy a homemade Lakeland beef burger or locally produced Cumberland sausage baguette pre-concert, with access to a private bar facility throughout the evening, premium seats and a souvenir concert programme.

Pre-sale and fan club tickets will go on sale at 9am on Wednesday 30 September. Click [HERE](#) to sign up to the Carlisle United database to receive your exclusive pre-sale link.

Tickets priced at £55, £75 and £95 plus special VIP packages are available from www.ticketline.co.uk

Caithness Courier

Superstar Stewart to play Inverness

ROCK star — and Celtic fan — Rod Stewart is returning to Inverness Caledonian Thistle's home ground next summer, six years after he last played the stadium.

His fully seated 2016 show will take place at the Tulloch Caledonian Stadium on Saturday, 18th June, as part of an eight-date UK stadium tour.

The Inverness event is one of only two dates in Scotland being promoted by Preston firm Cuffe and Taylor, the other being at Kilmarnock's Rugby Park the previous evening.

Caley Thistle chairman Kenny Cameron welcomed the announcement of Stewart's long-awaited return to the ground.

"Having the opportunity to welcome Rod back to Inverness following the huge success he was last time round is a great privilege for the club," he said.

"Having been part of the team who brought Rod to Inverness we are all looking forward to another excellent event and assisting Cuffe and Taylor in every way possible to ensure a repeat of that excellent night in July 2010."

Cuffe and Taylor director Peter Taylor said his company was thrilled to be working with Stewart and his team.

"In 2014 we worked on three dates and I am delighted we are the sole promoter of the Rod



Rod Stewart will be in concert at Inverness Caledonian's stadium six years after his first visit.

Stewart Stadium Tour for 2016," he said.

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London-born Stewart recently played to 50,000 people at Hyde

Park and is set to release a new studio album *Another Country* in October.

Pre-sale and fan club tickets for his Inverness show and the other dates on his tour go on sale at 9am today, with the remaining tickets going on sale from 9am on Friday.

Tickets priced at £55, £75 and £95 plus special VIP packages are available from www.ticketline.co.uk

News & Star

YOUR VOICE

Will you be going to see Rod Stewart when he plays Carlisle in June next year?



I might be going, I am a big fan and also of his TV programme called *The Hamilton's*

Vanessa Cowan, 39, Whitehaven



No, I don't like Rod Stewart he's not my cup of tea

Lynn Denvir, 47, Whitehaven



Definitely, lots of people are big fans, we have a local tribute act which is very popular

Mandy Benn, 47, Egremont



Yes, I will be taking my mum Joan Weymouth, she will really enjoy the show. It's more her age group than mine

Julie Weymouth, 33, from Currock

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Yes I am a big fan. My husband to be Ross Callaghan and I will be singing along to *Do you think I'm sexy*

Michele Hogarth, 31, Denton Holme



Well I know all the songs and it will be a great atmosphere, so I may well do

Paul Bunting, 41, of Bothel



No, not my cuppa tea. If Britney Spears was on with him, yes, I like cheesy pop

Chrissy Holmes, 34, from Newtown, Carlisle



Not myself, not my style, more alternative me. But my auntie Cath who is a little older than me is going

Lezley Gibson, 51, from Caldewgate

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IS IT JUST ME?



IAN MIDGLEY with the column that says: "I'M RONNIE PICKERING!"

If we want big acts, we need the right size arena

I don't wanna talk about it ... but I'm going to anyway.

Spiky-haired, football-loving, croaky-voiced, wrinkly sex god Rod Stewart is to play at Hull's KC Stadium – the first major act to perform there since JLS – remember them? – back in 2011.

Good. It's nice to see

there's still some ambition to get some bigger names back in the city.

I've always said the KC is an awkward venue for promoters – too big for the arena bands, but too small for the proper stadium-filling rock gods.

Hopefully, Rod will be a good fit. Which isn't a sentence I expected I'd ever have to write.

As a veteran of The Who, Bon Jovi and REM at the KC, I know Hull can aspire to host major acts people actually want to see, even if the majority of names that can now fill such spaces are now on what's considered the "heritage" end of the

music market.

Personally, I think the powers that be should scrap plans for the 3,500-seat arena – which will be about as much use as a chocolate teapot – in favour of a 10,000-plus-

seater venue. That way, we can attract some of the bigger newer, arena acts that weren't around in the Seventies.



ROD HULL: Rod Stewart is coming to the city in June.

This story also appeared in the East Riding Mail (51,886)



First Rod Stewart tickets go on sale

The first tickets to see Rod Stewart play a huge open-air concert in Carlisle are on sale.

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It will be the final night of an eight-date UK tour that will see the Maggie May singer play at seven other stadiums.

The gig will be the first major concert to be held at Brunton Park since Sir Elton John played to a sell-out 20,000-strong crowd in 2007.

Tickets go on general sale on Friday but you can jump the queue thanks to our Reader Travel department.

It has tickets on sale today and will be offering pick-ups in Aspatria; Barrow; Dumfries; Hexham; Maryport; Newcastle; Penrith; Ulverston; Millom; Whitehaven; Wigton; Workington.

Prices are:

Level 3 Seated ticket (In Stands) £80

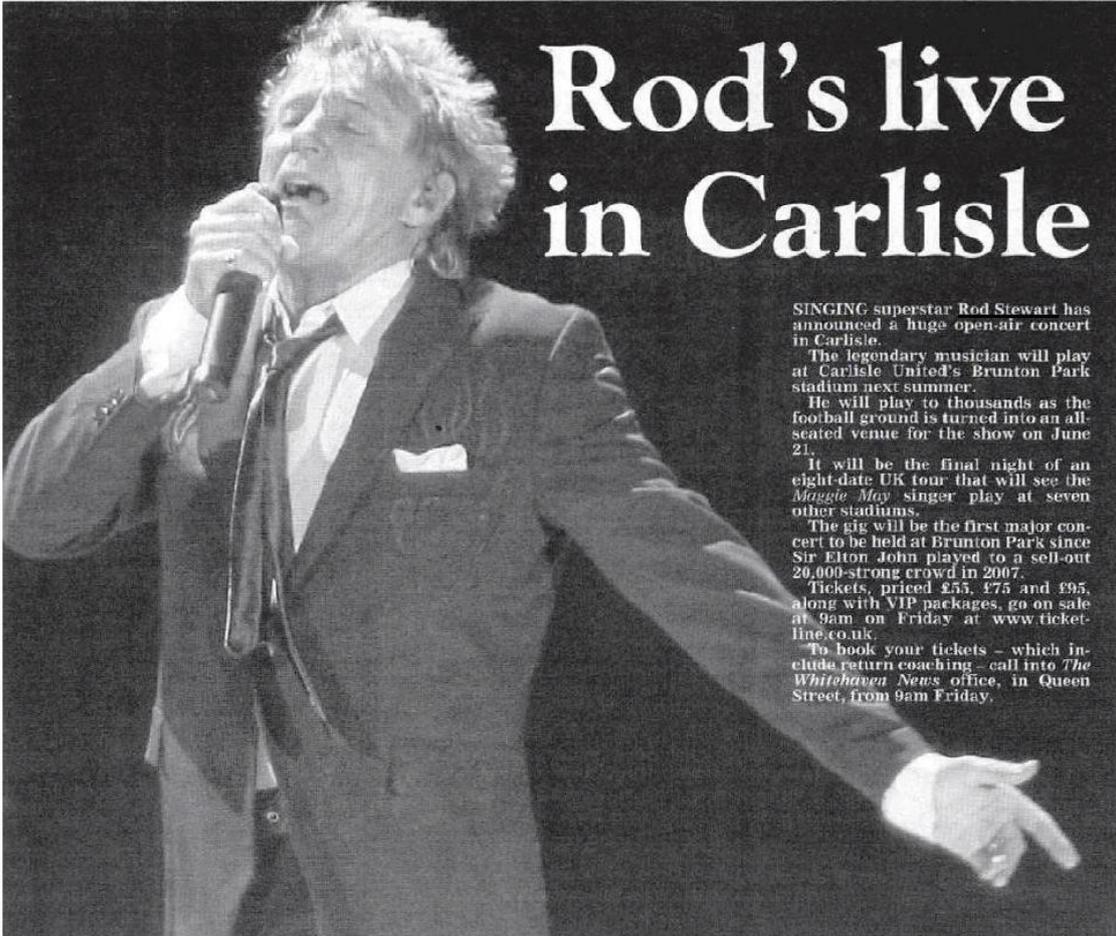
Level 2 Seated ticket (In Stands) £105

Level 1 Seated ticket (Pitch Block A) £125

Coaching only £25 per person

A spokesman said: "Unfortunately we can't sell ticket only we can only sell as the packages above and full payment is due at time of booking."

To book call Readers Travel on 01228 612211 or book online



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To book your tickets - which include return coaching - call into *The Whitehaven News* office, in Queen Street, from 9am Friday.

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Music icon Rod to play at Ageas

**Hilary
Porter**

HE IS a world class entertainer who is ranked among the biggest selling artists of all time.

Now Rod Stewart will be performing to his legion of Hampshire fans when his tour rocks into the county next year.

The superstar has fixed a date in Southampton where he will be belting out his hit songs at Southampton's Ageas Bowl.

His tartan army of fans will be able to see the 70-year-old perform at the

venue on June 10 as part of an eight-date UK stadium tour.

The announcement comes hot off the heels of his triumphant Hyde Park Radio 2 show, where he played to more than 50,000 people, and on the eve of releasing a brand new studio album *Another Country*.

The announcement is a coup for the Hampshire Cricket Club ground, which has ploughed millions into developing the stadium into an all-purpose sports and entertainment complex.

Rod Bransgrove, Hampshire Cricket chairman, said: "We are delighted to be able to add Rod Stewart to the string of great artists who have performed here.

"We have recently completed the development of this magnificent stadium into a world-class sports and events venue which will provide the perfect location for world-class performers such as Rod.

"Together with all the many music fans of the south coast region, we can't wait to welcome him here next June."

The fully seated outdoor tour is being presented by Cuffe and Taylor whose director Peter Taylor said: "We are thrilled to be working with Rod Stewart and his team yet again. In 2014 we worked on three dates and I am delighted we are the sole promoter of the Rod Stewart Stadium Tour for 2016.

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Rod Stewart

This story also appeared in the Basingstoke Gazette (6,885), Hampshire Chronicle (4,887) and Andover Advertiser (9,792)

S o u t h e r n
Highland News

ROD TO ROCK AT STADIUM – AGAIN

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London-born Rod recently played to 50,000 people at Hyde Park and is set to release new studio album *Another Country* in October.

He lives in California but is a frequent visitor to Scotland and is a fanatical Celtic and Scotland football supporter.

He has built one of the most successful and enduring music careers of all time, spanning more than five decades, and has amassed sales of more than 200 million albums and singles worldwide.

The new album is released on October 30. It follows the huge success of 2012's *Time* which entered the UK albums chart at No 1, setting a new British record for the longest gap between chart-topping albums by an artist – while in the US, it marked his highest-charting album of original material since 1979.

Tickets for the Inverness concert go on sale from 9am on Friday. They are priced at £55, £75 and £95 plus special VIP packages

are available from www.ticketline.co.uk



THE Herald

Tickets for Rod to go on sale

TICKETS for rock superstar Rod Stewart's stadium concert in Plymouth go on general sale tomorrow.

Ticketing staff are bracing themselves for a rush from city fans eager to get their hand on tickets for the singer's Home Park gig.

Rod, who last played at Argyle's stadium in 2009, is bringing his national UK Hits tour back to the city.

He will stride out on stage on Tuesday June 7.

Only eight stadia in England, Wales and Rod's native Scotland are being visited by the man whose career has stretched over five decades.

The first of the tickets were snapped up yesterday by fan club members and those able to order pre-sale batches.

But the bulk will be on sale from 9am tomorrow.

They are priced at £55, £75 and £95, plus special VIP packages are available from www.ticketline.co.uk.

Rod has amassed sales of more than 200 million albums and singles worldwide, including hits such as "You Wear it Well", "Sailing" and "The First Cut is the Deepest".

He is promoting his latest album, called "Another Country", which is out at the end of next month – but The Hits 2016 tour promises a run through his triumphant back-catalogue.

Rod, who has been made a CBE, has just played in front of 50,000 people in Hyde Park in London.



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Websites sell Rod tickets for £367



How much? Rod Stewart plays Carlisle next June

TICKETS for superstar Rod Stewart's hotly anticipated big Cumbrian open-air gig have been touted on the internet for nearly four times their face value - two days before they go on general sale.

Fans of the legendary singer have been offered the chance to snap up tickets at inflated prices on a number of reselling sites such as GetMeIn!, Seatwave and Stubhub. And floor seating in Carlisle United's Brunton Park stadium has been advertised on website Viagogo for £367.49.

Yesterday afternoon those sites were showing more

BY JONNY IRVING

than 350 tickets for the June 21 show were available.

Tickets are due to go on general sale tomorrow but a number were available during a pre-sale yesterday.

Tour director Peter Taylor condemned the hugely inflated prices some tickets were being advertised for.

General sale tickets are priced at £55, £75 and £95.

Cumbrian Newspapers is offering coach and ticket packages from Aspatria, Maryport, Ulverston, Millom, Whitehaven, and Workington from tomorrow on 01228 612211.

Hull Daily MAIL

25,000 people expected to watch legendary rocker sing in Hull

Got yours yet? Tickets go on sale for Rod's concert at the KC



SUPERSTAR: Rod Stewart is performing in Hull on June 14 next year.

By James Campbell

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TICKETS have today gone on sale for Rod Stewart's KC Stadium concert next year.

About 25,000 people are expected to watch the legendary rocker in what is anticipated to be one of the biggest gigs ever held in Hull.

In a major coup, city businessman David Kilburn managed to broker a deal to bring the superstar in on June 14.

The Hull gig is part of an eight-date UK stadium tour announced earlier this week.

Rod said: "Performing under the stars for my British friends

and fans next June will be a fun party because, let's face it, the home crowd bring out the best in me.

"Together, we'll make sure there will be some special memories."

It will be the first concert staged at the KC since boy band JLS performed back in 2011, and only the second in eight years.

But unlike other gigs, a large chunk of the proceeds from the concert will go to good causes.

Holy Trinity Church's restoration fund and the Daisy Appeal health charity are both set to benefit.

The fully-seated outdoor tour is

being presented by music promoters Cuffe and Taylor.

Director Peter Taylor said: "The best seats in the house are available from today and, as Rod puts on a fantastic show, I would urge everyone, whether buying for themselves or as a gift, to get their tickets as early as possible to ensure they are not disappointed.

"Demand for the pre-sale tickets earlier this week was phenomenal and we know from past experience of working with Rod Stewart that demand will again be high when these tickets go on sale today."

Mr Kilburn is executive chair-

man of MKM Building Supplies, which is financing the concert.

He is a lifelong fan and has been trying to get the international rock star to the city for two years.

He told the Mail earlier this week: "I am so excited we have finally got Rod Stewart coming to Hull."

"Rod is one of my favourite performers and it is far too long since we have seen an act like this in the city."

"I have every faith this event will create lots of enjoyment for many thousands of people."

The Stadium Management Company, which runs the KC, said it had been waiting for the right act.

Its commercial head, Simon King, said: "We have worked hard for the past two years to bring a concert to the KC Stadium and, with the help of MKM and David Kilburn, we have been able to attract a superstar to help us showcase the region."

Tickets, priced at £55, £75 and £95 plus special VIP packages, go on sale at 9am today. Visit www.ticketline.co.uk to book.

of 2012's Time, which entered the UK Albums Chart at number one.

In 2012, Stewart became a New York Times best-selling author with the release of his autobiography Rod.

Let's face it, the home crowd bring out the best in me

Rod Stewart

Enduring music career

ROD Stewart has built one of the most successful and enduring music careers of all time.

In more than five decades of performing, he has amassed sales in excess of 200 million albums and singles worldwide.

Throughout his career, Rod has garnered two inductions into the coveted Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, won a Grammy and the ASCAP Founders Award for songwriting, and in 2007 became a Commander of the British Empire.

His new album Another Country is co-produced by Rod and Kevin Saviger and will be released on Friday, October 30.

It follows the huge success

Kilmarnock Standard

CONCERT CRACKER



ROD SET TO ROCK RUGBY PARK

Gig is hottest ticket in town

Ian Russell

Superstar Rod Stewart will rock Rugby Park next summer in a guaranteed sell-out show.

The open-air concert on Friday, June 17, is already causing a stir in the town, with tickets going on open sale online tomorrow morning (Friday).

Kilmarnock fans have already had an early chance to snap up tickets during a pre-sale window which opened on Wednesday.

In addition a ticket hotline is

in operation for fans to call (0844 888 9991).

The all-seated event — in the stands and on the pitch — will feature Rod the Mod and support yet to be announced and looks set to be even bigger than the Elton John concert at the same venue in 2005.

Ticket prices are £55, £75, and £95 with premium seats available in front of the stage, close to the action, at £125.

The show is tagged Rod Stewart: The Hits and doors open on the day at 5pm, with a 10.30pm finish scheduled.

For more on Rod's visit, turn to pages 4 and 5.



Sailing into Killie
Stewart will wow the crowds at Rugby Park next June

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Superstar Rod's ready to rock Rugby Park

Singing superstar Rod Stewart is to play Rugby Park in Kilmarnock next summer.

Rod will rock Rugby Park on Friday, June 17 to a crowd of 18,000 music fans.

Jim Mann, chairman of Kilmarnock Football Club, said: "We are thrilled to be able to host an event featuring such a world superstar as Rod Stewart."

"There will be great excitement amongst his many fans resident locally that they will be able to see and hear him in person, on stage at Rugby Park."

The fully seated outdoor tour is being presented by Cuffe and Taylor whose director Peter Taylor said: "We are thrilled to be working with Rod Stewart and his team yet again."

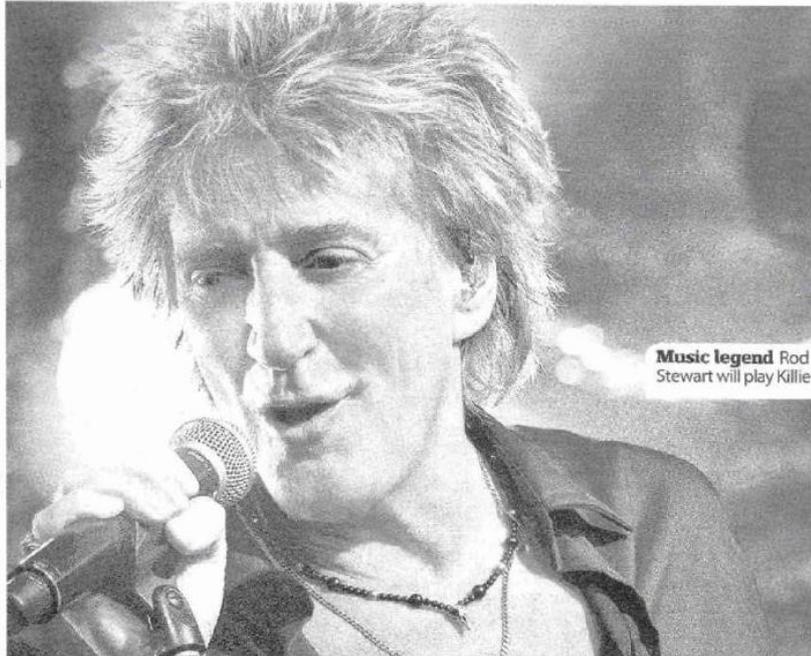
"In 2014 we worked on three dates and I am delighted we are the sole promoter of the Rod Stewart Stadium Tour for 2016."

"The venues stretch right across the UK giving tens of thousands of people the opportunity to see one of the best live acts in the world."

"It is great that all but two of the venues are new to Rod Stewart and we are confident there will be a lot of excitement as summer approaches."

The new album 'Another Country' is co-produced by Rod and Kevin Savigar and is released on October 30.

In 2005 Elton John played a sell-out gig at Rugby Park.



Music legend Rod Stewart will play Killie

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RUGBY PARK DATE

Rod can expect warm welcome from chairman

David Wren
Kilmarnock chairman Jim Mann insists he can't wait to welcome Rod Stewart to Rugby Park.

And he says his wife has already marked the date in the diary to ensure she doesn't miss out on the superstar's Kilmarnock bow.

Stewart will be rocking in Ayrshire on June 17 next year in the first concert at Rugby Park since Elton John performed in 2005.

When asked how he felt about hosting the tartan terror, Mann said: "I'm excited like a child, really - I can't wait!"

"It's amazing that we get someone of his stature and worldwide reputation coming here to Kilmarnock."

"It's brilliant news for the club that he's chosen Rugby Park as one of his venues and that we've been able to accommodate him. He will be here in Kille for all Rod Stewart fans in Ayrshire and beyond to come along!"

Mann says he's a fan of Rod's music - but admits his wife is the family's music guru. He also revealed he's earned brownie points with his wife after helping to bring Rod here.

He added: "I was a fan of Rod Stewart when he was a rock guy - his more recent stuff, the swing type albums, I've quite liked as well."

"But don't ask me to name any tunes as I don't have that sort of brain - my wife is much better at that sort of thing!"

"She is a great music fan and keeps up to date with the current pop music but as soon as I told her Rod Stewart was coming to Kilmarnock she said 'right what's the date?'"



Jim Mann

date? Let's get it in the diary. I guess I'm going to have family up here that day. And the family I have here in Kilmarnock are big Rod Stewart fans too so they're delighted we've brought him here."

It will be a huge day for the Kilmarnock FC as they host their first concert on the 3G pitch.

It's something that, if all goes well, will hopefully be looked at as a more frequent venture.

And Mann is hopeful the Rod Stewart concert can reach the same heights as Elton did a decade ago.

"About 10 years ago Elton John was here and that was a very well run event so we're hoping for the same again," said Mann.

"If you look at his programme it's us and Inverness are the only two dates in Scotland. It's another way of using a facility like this. If we could get on a seriously good event and it's popular then it's something we should look to do a bit more of."



I need three tickets and a drink with the man himself!
Angela McBeath

That'll be the biggest crowd you'll get in rugby park for at least the next decade!
Allan Kinnear

Smiler Glynis with a few of her Rod Stewart goodies

Superfan Glynis Findlay hopes fate will lend a hand in her attempt to be one of the first to get tickets to see Rod at Rugby Park

The deputy head teacher of Kilmarnock's Onthank Primary is completely crazy about the man.

And when we broke the news to her about Rod's upcoming concert in her home town she revealed - after recovering from the shock - that she was actually wearing a bracelet engraved with the words 'You Wear It Well' that very day.

"It was a present from my sister Elaine," said Glynis, "and I haven't worn it for ages. I put it on this morning, and then you called me with this news. It must be fate."

Added Glynis "I had a lifesize cutout of Rod in my living room at one stage. You thought he - the real thing - was in the room with you."

Quite simply Glynis has been nuts about Rod since she left Kilmarnock Academy almost 40 years ago.

"I've been to many of his shows," she said, "including Wembley."

"Sometimes I go to two or three shows on the same tour. He is incredible."

"I always buy a programme and a T-shirt at every concert and am absolutely over the moon that he is coming here. I'll die if I can't get a ticket."

Two years ago Glynis saw Rod at the Hydro in Glasgow, and was lucky enough to come home with one of the autographed footballs her hero had booted into the audience.

It still has pride of place in her living room.

But there's plenty of other Stewart-related memorabilia in her Wardneuk home too.

One of Glynis's favourite keepsakes is a birthday card to herself signed by Rod.

"That all came about because my

Glynis is mad about legend

Superfan teacher is thrilled by Rod news

Ian Russell

husband Ross knew Alan Rough, the former Scotland goalkeeper, and at that time Roughie was a pal of Rod's.

"Ross got Alan to have Rod sign the card," said Glynis. "I've had it since my 40th birthday and I'll never part with it."

The deputy head's fixation with the

tartan terror has a further footballing connection.

In the early 1990s Glynis went to ex-Rangers player Davie Cooper's testimonial game at Glasgow's Pollok Park, to see Rod Stewart who was one of the guest players.

"I persuaded other teachers to come to the game too," she said, "and we all agreed to run onto the pitch while Rod was playing."

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Oh! I will be there. Love Rod. Seen him so many times! Carolann English

Appearance: Rod Stewart will play at Rugby Park next June

YOU SAID IT

As news broke of superstar Rod Stewart's Kilmarnock performance, we sent reporter Peter Diamond out on the streets to find out what the public thought...

It wouldn't be my cup of tea and I certainly wouldn't pay that price to go see Rod Stewart. But hopefully it will be a brilliant day for the town and they can keep attracting these big names. **Alexander Neil**

It was 10 years ago Ewan John came to town and I think it was a fantastic success. We have a great local band in Fifty Clyo who are huge Kilmarnock fans so hopefully it can kick start something and we'll see more big acts coming to town. **Chris Kyle**

We'd love to go that will be a great day out if the sun is shining. It's good for Kilmarnock to get someone as big as that to play in the stadium. I'll be buying my ticket on Friday morning. **Caroline Magowan and Suzanne Shields**

I think I would go to that with my mum and dad, they went to Elton John when he came 10 years ago. It gets folk going back to Rugby Park even if it's not for the football, hopefully it will be a good day and a great atmosphere. **Dawn Carroll**

I saw it on the KILBe website this morning. I won't be going to it but I'm sure it will be on people's Christmas lists. It's been a while since Kilmarnock brought a big name to the ground. Hopefully the club get a bit of money out of it too. **Daniel McEwan**

We have a couple of Rod Stewart CDs in the house. He's good but I don't know if I would get a ticket at £55. Can I not use my season ticket to get in? **Robert McIndoe**

"But when it came to it, they backed out and I ran on myself. It was worth it though. I even managed to touch his hair!"
Glynis has met Rod several times. A standout memory is of the visit the star paid to a WH Smith store in Glasgow a few years ago for a book-signing.

"No one but my mother Maureen, who was in her late seventies then, would come with me to buy a copy of Rod's new book and have him sign it," said Glynis.

"It was November. It was cold, and my mum and I left Kilmarnock at four o'clock in the morning," she said.

"We had to queue up until eleven o'clock before we got into the shop to meet Rod and have him autograph our books."

"But it was great." Glynis has all the credentials to justify a 'superfan' tag, even dressing up as her hero for a Pudsey Children in Need event at Oththank Primary.

She's a long-term member of Rod's Smiler Fan Club, run by his fans for his fans, so has early access to any special deals involving the superstar.

"I don't know if that will mean I have priority for Rugby Park tickets," said Glynis, "but I hope so."

Her favourite-ever Rod number? "It has to be Maggie May, still," she said, "even though it was first released when I was a pupil at Kilmarnock Academy."

"I'm sure he will play it at Rugby Park next summer."

Tickets will go on sale for the Rod Stewart concert this Friday at 9am.

The tickets will be available from www.ticketline.co.uk.

Have Kilmarnock signed him as a striker or midfielder? **Rob Hamilton**

Could Locke not sign him on? He's pretty handy with a fitba. **Fery Logan**

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ROCK ROYALTY: Rod Stewart

Get your ticket to see Rod

TICKETS were to go on sale today for Rod Stewart's concert at Plymouth as part of his UK Hits 2016 Tour.

Rod announced an eight date UK stadium tour earlier this week which will include a concert at Plymouth Argyle FC's Home Park stadium, on Tuesday, June 7.

Speaking about the tour Rod said: "Per-

forming under the stars for my British friends and fans next June will be a fun party because, let's face it the home crowd, bring out the best in me. Together, we'll make sure there will be some special memories."

Tickets priced at £55, £75 and £95 plus special VIP packages were to go on sale at 9am today from www.ticketline.co.uk

The Press and Journal ABERDEEN

Rod Stewart Inverness gig tickets are on sale today

Tickets for Rod Stewart's concert in Inverness next year go on sale this morning.

The veteran rocker will head north to the Inverness Caledonian Stadium as part of his 2016 UK tour.

Mr Stewart said: "Performing under the stars for my British friends and fans next June will be a fun party because let's face it the home crowd bring out the best in me. Together, we'll make sure there will be some special memories."

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What They Said



"I know if the man had been pleasant and affable and seemed concerned he might have swayed

me. We're not brought up to be rude to people. It's your natural instinct to treat your visitors well."

Muriel Neill (87), of Holm Mills, Inverness, recalling her encounter with bogus workmen.

"He had such a great time and support last time he had decided to come back and do it all again. It was spurred on by the fact he had such a successful visit to the city."
Concert promoter Peter Taylor announcing Rod Stewart's return to Inverness next year.

"I found the first 15 miles relatively easy but then my legs and knees started to hurt and I had to tell the two guys from



Peterborough I was running with to push on without me. But not before one of them produced a tenner from his pocket as a donation for my fund-raising efforts. Never underestimate the kindness of strangers."

First time Loch Ness Marathon participant Lorna Munro.

"It's clear from the feedback from everybody that this is now a significant event in the Highland Business calendar. This is only our third Highland Business Week and the scale of it is remarkable."
Inverness Chamber of Commerce chief executive Stuart Nicol.

"I've owned the Heathmount for over 20 years and feel this is one of



the most exciting times yet. There is no doubt we are beginning to feel the upturn in the local economy."
Fiona Newton, owner of the Heathmount Hotel in Inverness.

News & Star

More stars will rock up in county

CARLISLE United chiefs hope **Rod Stewart** will lead a trail of stars towards Brunton Park.

The singing superstar this week announced a huge gig at the football ground next summer.

Blues bosses hope that, as well as bringing a big cash boost to the city, the concert will make other big-name

performers and promoters realise the stadium's potential. Tickets for the show go on general sale at 9am today, but hundreds have already been snapped up during a pre-sale and through fan clubs.

A number have already been touted online, with prices reaching in excess of £360 for floor seats.

Speaking about his 2016 tour Rod said: "Performing under the stars for my British friends and fans next June will be a fun party because let's face it the home crowd bring out the best in me."

United sold out of one entire package of hospitality tickets within hours of going on sale.



Cumbria bound:
Rod Stewart

News & Star

Do ya think I'm pricey? £2,000 for Rod tickets

Hugely inflated prices asked for prime seats on resale sites



BY JONNY IRVING

ROD Stewart fans are being touted tickets costing more than £2,000 a pair for his Carlisle gig.

The heavily-inflated prices are being advertised on ticket reselling websites with a top pair of floor seats in Carlisle United's Brunton Park stadium being touted for £2,090 on Viagogo.

A seller on website GetMeIn! was also advertising a pair of floor tickets for £2,082.

Earlier this week the *News & Star* revealed that tickets had been advertised

online for nearly three times their face value, ahead of yesterday's general sale.

Thousands of fans moved quickly to snap up tickets to

see the *Maggie May* singer next summer.

A spokeswoman for promoters Cuffe and Taylor said: "It is safe to say all

ticket agents have been inundated from pre-sale to the general sale with a huge

demand for tickets to see Rod."

The singer will be ending an eight-date UK tour at the city's football ground, which will be turned into an all-seated open-air concert venue, on June 21.

INVALID

Peter Taylor, the promoters' director, condemned the hugely-inflated prices after the pre-sale opened and warned that some tickets could be invalid if sellers have broken terms and conditions.

Carlisle United themselves are hoping to use the gig to showcase their ground as a venue for future concerts involving big-name stars.

Phil King, the club's sales and marketing director, said: "Brunton Park is a good location, a good venue and we have done this before. We know there will be a huge demand."

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In demand: Thousands of fans have already bought tickets to see **Rod Stewart** at Brunton Park in Carlisle next summer

Eastern Daily Press

Tickets for Rod's city gig go on sale

Tickets have gone on sale for Rod Stewart's concert in Norwich as part of his UK Hits 2016 Tour.

Fresh from his triumphant Hyde Park Radio 2 show where he played to more than 50,000 people, and on the eve of releasing a brand new studio album *Another Country*, Rod Stewart announced an eight-date UK stadium tour earlier this week which will include a concert at Norwich City's Carrow Road stadium, on Saturday, June 4.

Speaking about the tour Rod said:



■ Rod Stewart in a previous concert at Carrow Road, Norwich.

"Performing under the stars for my British friends and fans next June will be a fun party because let's face it the home crowd brings out the best in me. Together, we'll make sure there will be some special memories."

Director Peter Taylor said:
"Demand for the pre-sale tickets earlier this week was phenomenal."

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EXCLUSIVE



Star power Rod Stewart looks set to pull in huge crowds

Rod is hottest ticket in town

Huge demand sees more released

Ian Russell

A huge demand for tickets has forced the promoters to add more seats for rock giant Rod Stewart's Rugby Park concert next summer.

It was announced at the end of September that Rod would be heading to Kilmarnock on Friday, June 17 next year and tickets were quickly snapped up.

Now music promoters Cuffie and Taylor have bowed to public pressure, and managed to open up more areas in the stadium to ensure additional fans can enjoy the show.

C&T director Peter Taylor said on Wednesday: "We have been absolutely thrilled at the response for tickets for all eight dates on the Rod Stewart Hits

Tour and in Kilmarnock it has been tremendous.

"There are still tickets available but we have got to the point now where it has become essential for us to make even more seats available as the demand is so huge.

"We don't want people to be disappointed so we've taken a look at our plans for Rugby Park and we can now open more seating blocks.

"Rod Stewart is a global superstar and we want to ensure as many people as possible get to see him on this tour."

Tickets are on sale now from www.ticketline.co.uk.

The UK Hits Tour features just one other Scottish venue, the Caledonian Stadium in Inverness, where another gig takes place the day after the Kilmarnock show.



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Rod Stewart gig at Carrow Road

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The fully seated outdoor tour is being presented by music promoters Cuffe and Taylor.

Tickets priced at £55, £75 and £95, plus special VIP packages, are available from www.ticketline.co.uk

Stewart's new album will be released at the end of October.

In a career spanning more than five decades, he has amassed sales of more than 200 million albums and singles worldwide.



The Inverness Courier

News in Brief

Demand high for Rocker Rod's date at Inverness stadium

DEMAND has been high for tickets to the Rod Stewart concert in Inverness next summer, according to the promoters.

The 70-year-old rock star is appearing on 18th June at Inverness Caledonian Thistle FC's stadium where he entertained almost 20,000 fans in a sellout concert five years ago. Tickets for his latest Highland Capital gig only went on sale last week.

It is one of only two Scottish appearances on an eight-date UK tour, the other being Kilmarnock. A spokesman for event promoters Cuffe and Taylor said the pre-sale demand for tickets had been immense.

"When tickets went on general sale that demand was incredibly high again and we have been inundated with people buying tickets for not only Inverness but the entire tour," he said.

"Our advice to everyone who hasn't yet bought tickets would be to get them as soon as possible to avoid being disappointed."

City businesses, including accommodation providers, cafes and shops, are looking forward to the economic boost expected to be generated from the event.

Kilmarnock Standard

Superstar Rod is selling out!

Tickets are going fast for big event

Ian Russell

Rod Stewart's Rugby Park concert looks like being a quickfire sell-out.

Tickets have only been on sale for a week but, according to a spokesman, they have been 'flying', making the Kilie show one of the fastest-selling of Rod's entire UK tour next summer.

A spokesman for event promoters Cuffe and Taylor said on Tuesday: "The demand for Rod Stewart tickets has been immense since they went on sale and we have been inundated with people buying tickets for not only Kilmarnock but the entire tour.

"In fact there are now only limited numbers of tickets available for Kilmarnock and our advice to everyone who hasn't yet bought tickets would be to get them as soon as possible to avoid being disappointed."

The concert on Friday, June 17, 2016, is likely to have a capacity of around 25,000, though the organisers couldn't give a definite figure at this stage. Nor could they say who will provide the support at Rugby Park, one of only two Scottish shows on the tour.

But Rod's Scottish fans couldn't care less who else is on the bill.

Said one, Laura Minnery, from Kilmarnock: "I got tickets for my mum as she is a huge Rod Stewart fan - and he is playing on her 60th birthday. It has to be fate!"



Slim pickings The site map of tickets for the show, but not many seats are left for the Rugby Park event

The Westmorland Gazette

Stewart tour to take in Carlisle

By **KATIE DICKINSON**
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● Rock legend to play United stadium gig

FRESH from his triumphant Hyde Park Radio Two show where he played to more than 50,000 people, and on the eve of releasing a brand new studio album, **Rod Stewart** has announced an eight-date 2016 UK stadium tour which will include a concert at Carlisle United's Brunton Park stadium on June 21.

Carlisle United sales and marketing director Phil King said: "We are delighted to be welcoming Rod Stewart to Carlisle United. This is fantastic news for the football club and the whole of Carlisle and surrounding area.

"Rod takes a superb following wherever he goes. We have no doubt this is going to be a fantastic event and look forward to welcoming thousands of music fans to Brunton Park on the night."

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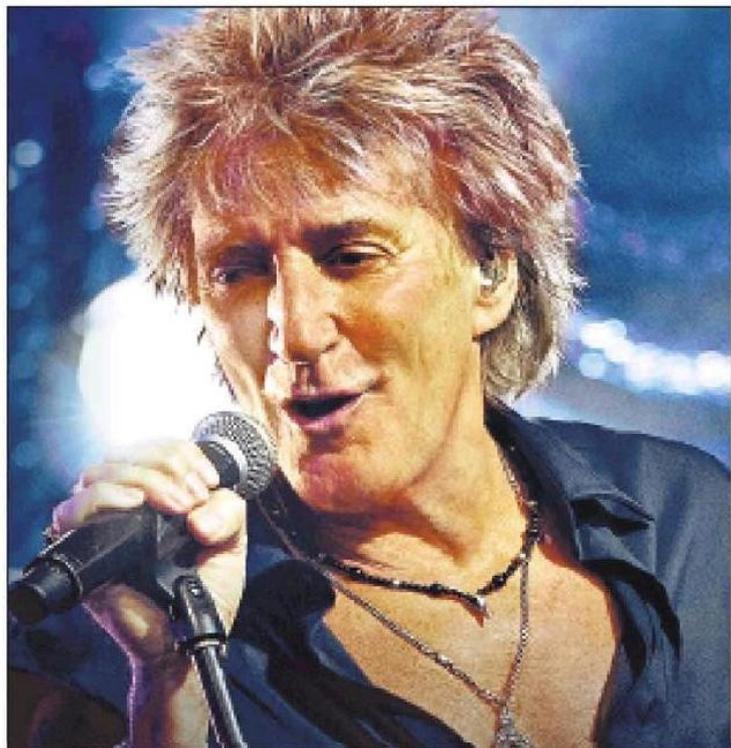
performances, Rod Stewart has built one of the most successful and enduring music careers of all time.

In a career spanning more than five decades, he has amassed sales of more than 200 million albums and singles worldwide.

Throughout his career Rod's garnered two inductions into the coveted Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, won a Grammy, the ASCAP Founders Award for songwriting, and in 2007 was bestowed Commander of the British Empire (CBE) by the Queen.

The new album 'Another Country' is co-produced by Rod and Kevin Savigar and is released on October 20.

It follows the huge success of 2012's 'Time' which entered the UK Albums Chart at No 1, setting a new British record for the longest gap between chart-topping albums by an artist; in the US, it marked Stewart's highest-charting album since 1979. Tickets are from www.ticketline.co.uk.



TOUR: Megastar **Rod Stewart** will include a gig at Carlisle United's Brunton Park home in his 2016 summer itinerary

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Rod Stewart to return to Carrow Road for latest tour

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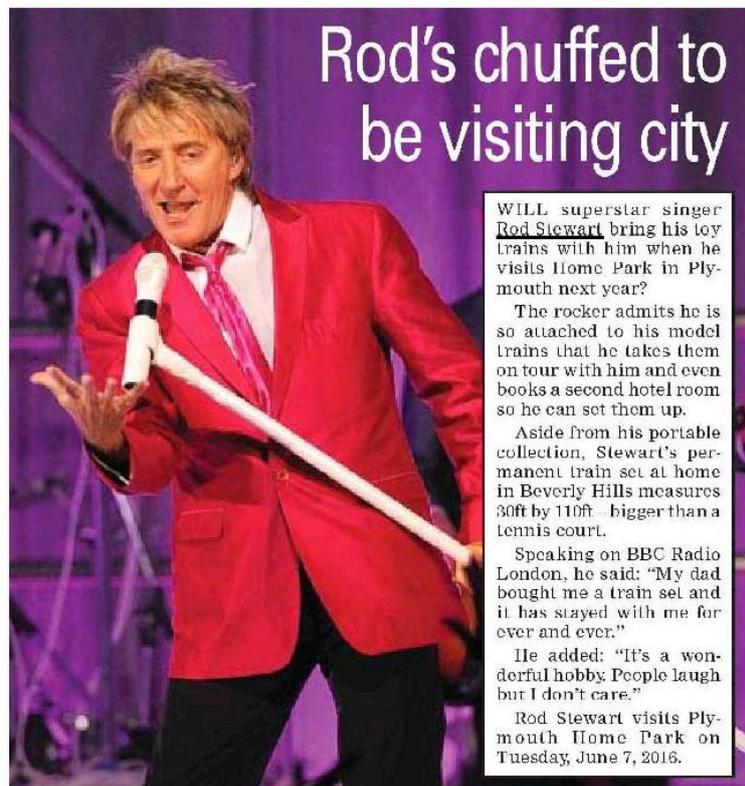
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Director Peter Taylor said: "Demand for the pre-sale tickets earlier this week was phenomenal."

Tickets priced at £55, £75 and £95 plus special VIP packages went on sale at 9am yesterday and are available from www.ticketline.co.uk

THE Herald



The Cumberland News

Website defends £2,000 tickets to see Rod Stewart

A WEBSITE offering tickets to Rod Stewart's Carlisle concert at almost 10 times their face value has defended its use.

Fans of the singer were quick to snap up tickets to see him at Carlisle United's Brunton Park stadium next

June. However, there was outrage after tickets appeared on websites at heavily-inflated prices – with a pair of top floor seats being touted for £2,000 on Viagogo.

Promoters Cuffe and Taylor have warned that some could be invalid if

sellers have broken terms and conditions.

A spokesman from Viagogo, the online ticket marketing place, said: "Sellers set the prices on Viagogo and for popular events such as Rod Stewart, prices can be higher be-

cause there is huge demand and limited supply. However, while a seller can list a ticket at any price he likes, it doesn't mean the ticket will actually sell at that price. Tickets for Rod Stewart's appearance in Carlisle currently start at £96 on our site.



Sailing in:
Rod comes
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The Herald **sundayherald**

Scotland won't be at the Euro 2016 finals in France so how will you spend your time?

The dream of Scotland playing at a major football finals is over for another two years, at least. Here are five alternative ways to occupy your time during the tournament next summer now that a Tartan Army party in France is off the agenda.

1. Rock with Rod

Instead of serenading tourists in a bar in Montmartre with your finest Maggie May, sing along with the great man himself. Rod Stewart is playing Kilmarnock's Rugby Park on June 17 and Caledonian Stadium in Inverness on June 18. Between now and then, given the lack of a footballing excuse for a pit stop in France, he might even see fit to add a couple more dates to his British and Irish tour.

2. Explore your inner culture vulture

The RIAS Festival of Architecture is set to be the big cultural crowd puller next year. If the creative regeneration of bricks and mortar is not your thing, take your pick in June and July from the Edinburgh International Film Festival, the East Neuk Festival in Fife, the Cupar Arts Festival, the Scottish Traditional Boat Festival in Aberdeen and the St Magnus International Festival in Orkney. Further afield, the Isle of Wight Festival coincides with the opening weekend of matches.

3. Get away from it all . . . on foot

The fresh air option. If you've never done the West Highland Way, or enjoyed it so much you fancy retracing your steps, sign up for the Caledonian Challenge and Hike (June 11/12). An alternative challenge is available for the more fleet-footed in the form of the Isle of Skye Half Marathon on June 11.

4. Split your sides with Sarah

Self-deprecating comic Sarah Milican is playing five dates in Scotland (at Eden Court in Inverness, Perth Concert Hall, Caird Hall in Dundee and the Edinburgh Festival Theatre) as she winds up her mammoth, 119-date "Outsider" UK tour. Ideally, England and the other home nations will no longer be participating in the Euro 2016 finals during the Scottish leg of her tour from July 6-10, limiting the potential for schadenfreude, or Strachanfreude perhaps.

5. Watch the football anyway

Since the expansion of the World Cup the European Championships has become arguably the hottest ticket in international football, with its concentration of stellar talent. It is a consistently compelling spectacle and even the increase from 16 to 24 teams (still a quota beyond the likes of Scotland) might not be enough to ruin it. So once the pain fades, it might go back to being a shimmering prospect for the armchair viewer. And you might even consider rooting for one of our neighbours. England, Wales and Northern Ireland have all qualified and the Republic of Ireland are heading for the play-offs. So, whether you tune in or tune out, you will be spoilt for choice.



S o u t h e r n
Highland News

Veteran rocker Rod shows he's wearing it well at 70

YOUR SAY!

BY RACHEL TREASURER

ROCK star Rod Stewart has just announced his return to Inverness next June to take centre stage at the Caley Thistle stadium.

The avid Celtic and Scotland football fan is no stranger to the venue as he played there five years ago.

Known for smash hits such as *Maggie May*, *You Wear It Well* and *Sailing*, Rod entertained 19,000 people at his last Highland show there.

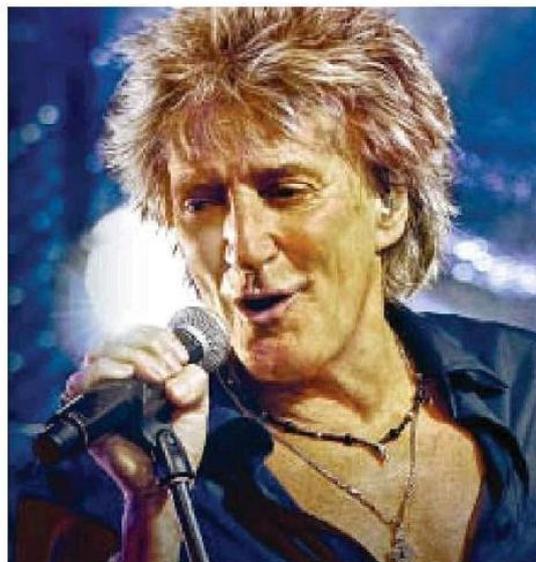
It will be a change in atmosphere for the veteran rocker who basks in his Scottish roots and recently played seasons in the glitzier venue of Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas.

At the age of 70, it has been nearly 50 years since Rod released his first solo album.

At a time when most people of his age have retired, he is still entertaining fans at sell-out gigs.

And he is not the only one as pension-age groups like The Rolling Stones and The Who still continue to fill stadia around the world.

This week Your Say asks whether wrinkly rockers like Rod still have what it takes or if it's time to pass the microphone on to younger artists.



Rod Stewart is heading for Inverness.

The Cumberland News

Club hopes other stars will follow Rod to city

BY JONNY IRVING

CARLISLE United chiefs hope Rod Stewart will lead a trail of stars towards Brunton Park.

The singing superstar this week announced a huge gig at the football ground next summer, bringing thousands of his fans to the city.

Blues bosses hope that as well as bringing a big cash boost to the city the concert will make other performers realise the stadium's potential.

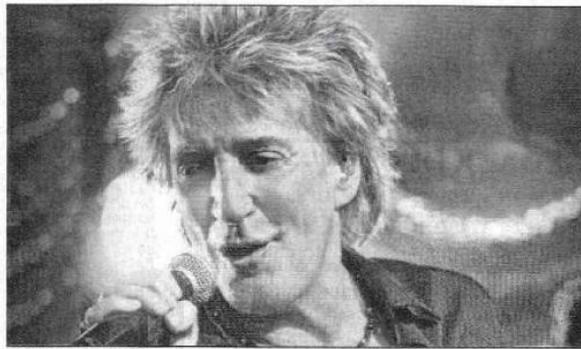
Tickets for the show go on general sale at 9am today but hundreds have already been snapped up during a pre-sale, which started on Wednesday, and through fan clubs.

A number have already been touted online, with prices reaching in excess of £360 for floor seats.

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Rod Stewart: Will perform at Brunton Park next summer

"phenomenal" demand for pre-sale tickets.

The club's sales and marketing director Phil King said United hoped the gig would showcase the stadium for similar events in the future.

"We can get used to how it works again and take a few lessons from it," he explained.

However, Mr King told *The Cumberland News* that the *Maggie May* singer's gig will likely be the only concert held at Brunton Park in 2016.

The general sale begins at 9am, with tickets available from www.ticketline.co.uk. A limited number will also be sold through the club's ticket office.

ONLINE VOTE: ROD STEWART CONCERT

Will you be going to see Rod Stewart in Carlisle?

To cast your vote visit www.cumberlandnews.co.uk

See the results in this week's *The Cumberland News*

WalesOnline

Wales loves Rod Stewart so much there's more tickets on sale for his Cardiff gig next summer

The Maggie May singer is so popular that more tickets have gone on sale for his gig at the Cardiff City Stadium.

Due to popular demand more seats are being made available for Rod Stewart's concert at [Cardiff's City Stadium](#).



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Rod Stewart's concert at Cardiff's City Stadium is on Saturday June 11 and tickets are on sale now from www.ticketline.co.uk

S o u t h e r n Highland **News**

More tickets on sale for Rod Stewart's Inverness gig

DUE to a huge demand, more seats are being made available for Rod Stewart's concert at Inverness Caley Thistle stadium next summer.

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Rod Stewart's concert at Inverness' Caley Thistle Stadium is on Saturday June 17 and tickets are on sale now from www.ticketline.co.uk



South Wales **ECHO**

Rod's in demand as more seats added for city gig

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Rod Stewart will perform at the Cardiff City Stadium next June

Kilmarnock Standard

Rod is hottest ticket in town

Huge demand sees more released

Ian Russell

A huge demand for tickets has forced the promoters to add more seats for rock giant Rod Stewart's Rugby Park concert next summer.

It was announced at the end of September that Rod would be heading to Killie on Friday, June 17 next year and tickets were quickly snapped up.

Now music promoters Cuffe and Taylor have bowed to public pressure, and managed to open up more areas in the stadium to ensure additional fans can enjoy the show.

C&T director Peter Taylor said on Wednesday: "We have been absolutely thrilled at the response for tickets for all eight dates on the Rod Stewart Hits

Tour and in Kilmarnock it has been tremendous.

"There are still tickets available but we have got to the point now where it has become essential for us to make even more seats available as the demand is so huge.

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"Rod Stewart is a global superstar and we want to ensure as many people as possible get to see him on this tour."

Tickets are on sale now from www.ticketline.co.uk.

The UK Hits Tour features just one other Scottish venue, the Caledonian Stadium in Inverness, where another gig takes place the day after the Kilmarnock show.

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Peter Taylor



The Inverness Courier

News in Brief

More seats for Rod stadium gig

FURTHER seats are being made available for Rod Stewart's Inverness concert next summer due to high demand.

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For details visit www.ticketline.co.uk

Western Mail

Stadium power

There are many big names performing at sports stadia in Wales in 2016. Here are the names to be looking out for...

ROD STEWART

Where? Cardiff City Stadium

When? Saturday, June 11

What? The legendary rocker, *left*, is performing in Cardiff as part of an eight-date stadium tour. With his distinctive voice, narrative songwriting and passionate live performances, Stewart has built one of the most successful and enduring music careers of all time. In a career spanning more than five decades, he has amassed sales of more than 200 million albums and singles worldwide.

Tickets? The concert is fully seated and prices are £95, £75 and £55. Visit www.ticketline.co.uk or call 0844 888 9991.

LIONEL RICHIE

Where? Liberty Stadium, Swansea

When? Thursday, June 16

What? The All The Hits Tour

will see Richie, *left*, performing songs from his extensive repertoire spanning decades, all the way from the Commodores to the present day. Renowned for their party atmosphere, Richie's concerts will feature classics such as Hello and All Night Long. He will also be performing at Parc Eirias in Colwyn Bay on June 19.

Tickets? Call 0844 453 9018 or visit

ticketmaster.co.uk

MANIC STREET PREACHERS

Where? Liberty Stadium, Swansea

When? Saturday, May 28

What? The Manics will take to the stage at their biggest headline gig in Wales since their New Year's Eve appearance at the Millennium Stadium in 1999, when they play the Liberty Stadium. The concert will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the band's 1996 album Everything Must Go. The gig will also see them joined by special guests Super Furry

Animals and Public Service Broadcasting.

Tickets? Priced £39.50 and £55. Visit www.manicstreetpreachers.com

RIHANNA

Where? Principality Stadium, Cardiff

When? Thursday, June 16

What? The pop princess, who has sold more than 200 million records worldwide, is performing her second gig in Wales.

She previously kicked off her 2013 UK tour at the Cardiff stadium – which changes its name from Millennium Stadium to Principality Stadium this month – where she played favourites such as Rude Boy, Umbrella, and What's My Name, and was watched by more than 60,000 fans. The only downside is her Anti World Tour gig clashes with Lionel Richie's Swansea stadium gig.

Tickets? From £75.90. Visit www.getmein.com



Fakenham & Wells 24 Times

A look at some of the highlights on Norwich's cultural calendar for 2016

From festivals to fashion to art shows and more, there are an array of great events on Norwich's cultural calendar for 2016. Arts correspondent Emma Knights looks at a few highlights.

Manipulate

Norwich Puppet Theatre is hosting Manipulate, a celebration of visual theatre and animated film, from January 30 until February 7. The festival for older audiences highlights how puppetry and animation are not just for children. Manipulate is in conjunction with Puppet Animation Scotland. Visit www.puppettheatre.co.uk



Norwich Fashion Week

The latest looks will take to the catwalk during Norwich Fashion Week from March 10 to 17. NFW16 will promote Norwich's vibrant fashion scene with six shows at OPEN, the event's new official home. Visit www.norwichfashion.co.uk

Rod Stewart

Rock legend Rod Stewart will kick off his Rod Stewart Hits 2016 tour at Carrow Road. The singer – whose hits included Maggie May and Have I Told You Lately – will return to the city's football ground on June 4, having previously performed there in 2011. Visit www.rodstewarttour.co.uk

British Art Show

Norwich is one of four cities to host British Art Show 8. It will be at Norwich University of the Arts and Norwich Castle Museum and Art Gallery from June 24 until September 4. Hayward Touring's British Art Show 8 will include 2013 Turner Prize winner Laure Prouvost, 2014 nominee James Richards and 38 other artists and collectives chosen for their significant contribution to art. Visit www.britishartshow8.com

The Press and Journal ABERDEEN

LOOKING AHEAD TO A YEAR OF TOP ACTS

Whatever the weather holds, the outlook is sunny for the Highlands and islands this year, thanks to a host of top-class entertainment and events taking place, writes **Susan Welsh**

Breathtaking dance and some of the biggest names from the worlds of music and comedy – all of this and more can be seen across the Highlands over the next few months. Eden Court, as always, has a superb programme with something to suit all tastes.

Theatre director Colin Marr said: "This coming season boasts a huge variety of entertainment and, as ever, we have tried to make sure there is something for everyone. I'm really excited to have the National Theatre of Scotland here with the acclaimed James Flays.

"At the other end of the spectrum, we have three absolutely brilliant musicals on offer with Hairspray, Jackie the Musical and the return of a personal favourite, the irreverently hilarious yet utterly heartfelt Avenue Q. In between, you can expect Scottish Ballet to delight with Cinderella and Swan Lake, plus we have RSNO with their much loved Venneese Night as well as

the best of every other kind of music you can imagine. All this plus comedy, family shows, talks and special events."

Among the musical stars appearing at the theatre are two Highland

favourites – Ireland's leading country singer, Nathan Carter, who will be back for three nights from September 23, while following on from his sellout show last year, Russell Watson will return in July. Scottish favourite Lulu still has plenty to shout about and the Grammy-nominated singer will be performing hits from her 50-year career such as To Sir With Love and Right My Fire and will recall personal anecdotes when she appears at Eden Court on March 18.

Bobby Cochran, nephew of rock'n'roll legend Eddie Cochran, visits the theatre on February 26 with a



Rod Stewart performing at the Tulloch Caledonian Stadium – where he will return in June

new band, Somethin' Else, as part of a European tour marking 60 years since the release of the rock'n'roll legend's first single, Skinny Jim. Bobby, a world-class guitarist himself, has teamed up with Brian Hodgson and Mike Bell, both founder members of the highly acclaimed Albert Lee and Hogan's Heroes, to form the band.

Wet Wet Wet will play Inverness for the first time as part of a UK tour, rocking Inverness Leisure Centre on March 14. But for many, the big must-see show of the summer will be when music legend **Rod Stewart** makes a long-awaited return to Inverness to play, once more, the Tulloch Caledonian Stadium in Inverness on June 18.

Caley Thistle chairman Kenny Cameron said: "Having the opportunity to welcome Rod back to Inverness following the huge success he

was last time round is a great privilege for the club. Having been part of the team who brought Rod to Inverness, we are all looking forward to another excellent event and assisting Caffe and Taylor (the tour presenters) in every way possible to ensure a repeat of that excellent night in July 2010."

LAUGHS APLENTY

February begins with a visit from one of the best comedians around,

American Rich Hall, whose critically acclaimed grumpy, dad-pun style has established him as a master of absurdist irony and the king of rapid-fire wit. He'll park his wagon at Eden Court on February 1. Hot on the heels of hosting another Red Hot Highland Fling Hogmanay party in Inverness, Scottish favourite Craig Hill brings his gloriously camp and OTT show *Playing With My Selfie* to the One Touch Theatre in Inverness on February 27.

Despite his youthful looks, *Mock the Week* star and regular Munro-bagger Ed Byrne recently marked up 20 years as a comic. He'll bring his latest show of observational comedy – *Outside, Looking In* – which covers a wide range of subjects, to Eden Court on February 28, while funny gal Sarah Milligan is making two appearances at Eden Court on May 9 and July 6.

DRAMA AND DANCE

Shortly after receiving its world premiere, Scottish Ballet's new visionary production of *Swan Lake* – created by award-winning choreographer David Dawson – visits Inverness from May 4-7. This imaginative retelling of the iconic story is set to Tchaikovsky's classic score and will feature costumes designed by Yumiko Takeshima and set designs by John Otto. The company is also in the city in January to present *Cinderella* from January 27-30.

Ballet West presents *The Nutcracker* at the theatre on February 11, while TV favourite *Strictly Come Dancing's* Brendan Cole will dazzle audiences with his latest show, *A Night To Remember*, on February 27. Fresh from their sellout hit shows *Midnight Tango* and *Dance 'Til Dawn*, *Strictly* favourites Vincent Simone and Flavia Cacace have created their most moving production yet as they dance in their final-ever show *The Last Tango*, which is at Eden Court for five nights from May 31.

A brand-new production of the smash-hit musical comedy *Hairspray*, guaranteed to have you dancing the night away, visits Eden Court for six nights from February 29, while Jackie the Musical, which tells the story of a recent divorcee who seeks advice once more from the pages of her old Jackie magazine annuals, is perfect for all of us who remember buying the must-read mag each week. Starring well-known stars including Janet Dibley, Graham Biskley and Nicholas Bailey, and classic hits from the 70s, it is at Eden Court for five nights from July 12.

FESTIVALS

It may not take place until August, but tickets for the Belladrum Tartan Heart Festival near Beaulieu are already selling like hot cakes. The festival has sold out weeks in advance for the past seven years and this year's line up pretty much guarantees the same thing will happen this year. Legendary band Madness will make their first appearance at the north festival, headlining the main stage on the Saturday night, while cult glam rockers The Darkness top the Thursday night main stage bill. Promoter Joe Gibbs said: "What a party we're going to have. This year is shaping up to be another 'I was there' moment for Bella fans."

Making a first appearance at the

event is American alternative hip-hop group Arrested Development, while Bella favourites Alabama 3 and the Highlands' own Rachel Sermanni will also perform.

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We have three absolutely brilliant musicals on offer with Hairspray, Jackie the Musical and Avenue Q



Catch comedian Ed Byrne with his *Outside, Looking In* show.

Diss Mercury

Beryl's dream of being serenaded at Rod show

By Lauren Cope

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An 87-year-old die-hard Rod Stewart fan is hoping to be serenaded by the rock star when she sees him perform live for the first time.

Beryl Kett's love for the singer began when he released number one hit Maggie May in 1971 and - 45 years on - she hopes there is Never a Dull Moment when she finally sees him in the flesh at Carrow Road in June.

Mrs Kett, who lives at Carleton House Care Home in East Carleton, just outside Norwich, tried in vain to land tickets to the popular show when they were released last October, but came up empty-handed.

It was thanks to the determination of care home manager Rosie Wells that the great-grandmother-of-four is now preparing for a trip into the city to see her idol.

"I didn't think we were going to get any so it was very nice," she said. "My grandson is going to come and be my carer for the night."

And Mrs Kett, who used to live in Hethersett, hopes Mr Stewart, who rose to fame in bands including The Jeff Beck Group and Faces, will serenade her with her favourite song, The Killing of Georgie.

"It has always been my favourite and I would love it if he sang it for me," she said. "I just love his gravelly voice."

Mrs Wells said she hoped the Stay With Me singer would spare five minutes to meet Mrs Kett after the show, on Saturday, June 4, and give her his autograph.

The performance will kick off Mr Stewart's The Hits tour.

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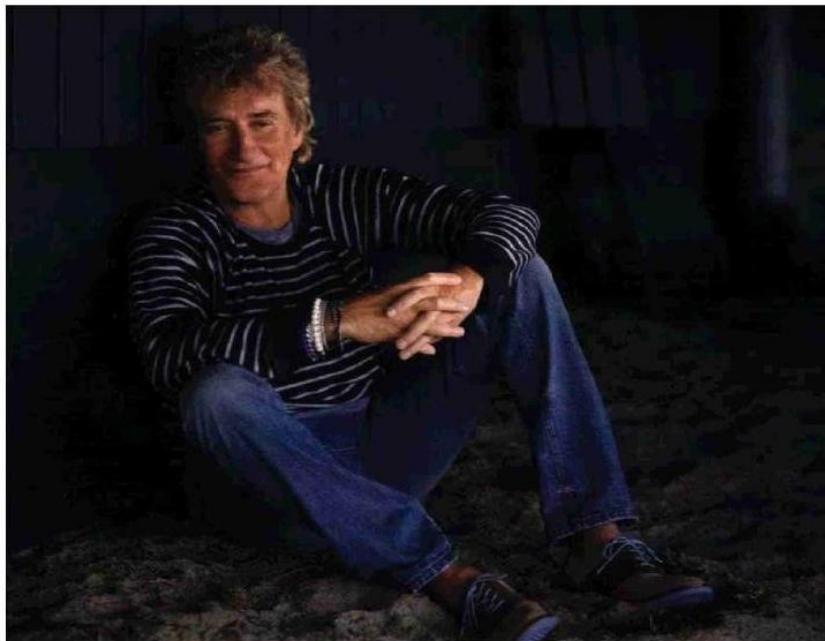


BIGGEST FAN: Beryl Kett, 87, has managed to secure tickets to see her idol, Rod Stewart, when he performs in Norwich in June.

Picture: SIMON FINLAY

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► It follows the studio album, *Time*, from 2013, where the Grammy and Brit Award-winning musical icon spoke about his rejuvenation as a songwriter. "I've found that the only way to write songs is to be as personal and honest as possible. And when my last album was so well-received, it gave me the confidence to keep on writing, and to examine and write about different things. It also gave me the freedom to experiment with different sounds like reggae, ska and Celtic melodies."

The title track, *Another Country*, was inspired by his respect for the armed forces - a respect influenced by his birth occurring shortly before the end of the Second World War - while *Batman Superman Spiderman* was written about bedtime stories that he would tell his youngest son, Aiden Patrick Stewart, based around the three fictional superheroes.

As Rod told TV chat show host Graham Norton when promoting his latest album last year: "I put the book together - Rod, the autobiography - and suddenly I realised that I had so much to write about, so I had songs about my Dad, my family, showbusiness, the lot."

Rod Stewart has sold over 100 million records worldwide and continues to tour - "I never stopped touring - I love it!" - and his concert at Carrow Road next month is eagerly awaited. He said: "I give the people what they want to hear and then add two or three new ones, but basically they want to hear all the hits."

Rod Stewart's last appearance in Norwich - also at Carrow Road - was in June 2011.

I was lucky enough to be in the 18,000-strong crowd that evening for a two-hour show that included some of his best-known hits and a selection of classics from other artists. The then Canaries' boss Paul Lambert introduced his fellow Scot on a night which saw the stadium bathed in glorious sunshine on a beautiful June evening.

The set list, in what was a memorable and brilliant performance, included *Baby Jane*, *You Wear It Well* and *Tonight's the Night* through to covers of *Handbags and Gladrags* and *It's A Heartache*. The evening ended with the crowd singing along to *Maggie May*, *I Don't Want to Talk About It* and *Hot Legs* with Rod kicking footballs into the crowd before an encore of *Sailing*.

A promising footballer in his youth, he had trials at Brentford in the summer of 1960, but was not called back and concluded: "...a musician's life is a lot easier and I can also get drunk and make music, and I can't do that and play football. I plumped for music. They're the only two things I can do actually: play football and sing."

He is an ardent supporter of Glasgow Celtic Football Club and, underlining his love of soccer, his website (www.rodstewart.com) notes below the schedule of shows: "football will be at all dates" - Rod loves kicking footballs into the crowd during his performances, so get ready to catch one! He is also a lifelong collector of model trains and is said to hire extra hotel rooms to house some of his model train collection, so that he can have them with him when touring.

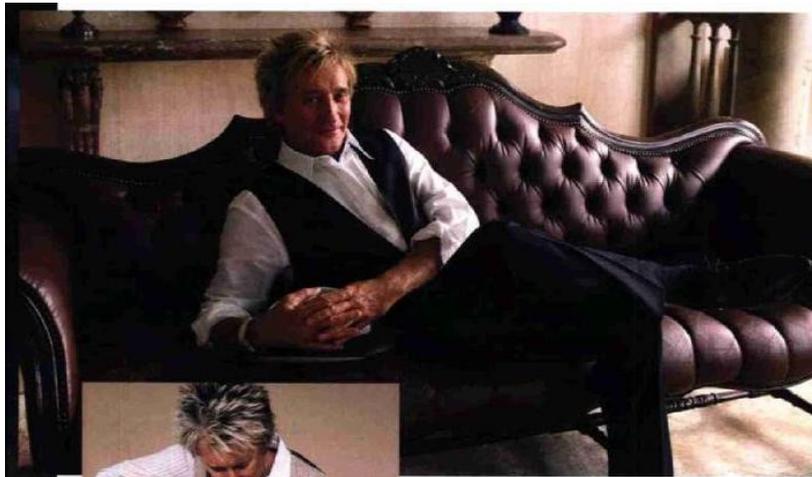
As one of the best-selling music artists of all time, the 5'10" superstar has had six consecutive number one albums in the UK, and 62 UK hit singles including 31 top 10 hits and six number one singles.

But he first came to prominence in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

As a skilled harmonica player, Long John Baldry heard him playing *Smokestack Lightnin'* and invited him to join the band, and sing as well.

In 1963, Rod adopted the Mod lifestyle and look, and began fashioning the spiky rooster hairstyle that would become his trademark, even known as "Rod the Mod" at one stage.

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With his distinctive, raspy singing voice and while still with Baldry, he developed his solo career and then in 1967 joined the Jeff Beck Group as vocalist where he first played with Ronnie Wood. Later they joined Small Faces' members Ronnie Lane, Ian McLagan and Kenney Jones, and decided to call the new line-up simply The Faces.

His debut solo album *An Old Raincoat Won't Ever Let You Down*, in 1969, was a fusion of rock, folk music, soul music and R&B which set the template for his inimitable style. A second album, *Gasoline Alley*, followed and he also famously sang guest vocals for the Australian group Python Lee Jackson on *In a Broken Dream*.

The 1971 solo album *Every Picture Tells a Story* made him a household name when the B-side of *Reason to Believe*, Maggie May, about him losing his virginity to an older woman, began getting airplay and swept to number one featuring the mandolin of Ray Jackson of Lindisfarne.

As The Faces broke up and Ronnie Wood left to join Mick Jagger and co, further albums, *Never a Dull Moment* and the chart-topping *Smiler* followed as **Rod Stewart** became a solo artist.

Moving to Los Angeles in 1975, he released the Atlantic Crossing album which contained The Sutherland Brothers' song *Sailing*, which became a UK number one hit and was later used as the theme music for a BBC documentary series about HMS Ark Royal. Hits such as *Hot Legs*, *Da Ya Think I'm Sexy?* and *Baby Jane*

followed along with the famous *Unplugged* album before Rod Stewart called a halt to creating his own material, saying that he was not a natural songwriter.

"My assumption was that I was finished as a songwriter," he reflected. "It had always been difficult, and then, at some point in the 1990s, my confidence took a knock and it became impossible. I was thinking too hard about what people expected from me."

In his personal life, Rod has also had his battles, notably with thyroid cancer in 2000. Known also for his romantic liaisons, he has eight children by five different mothers. After relationships with model Dee Harrington and actress Britt Ekland, he married actress and model Alana Hamilton in 1979 and model Rachel Hunter in 1990, and is now married to model Penny Lancaster-Stewart.

More recently, he has enjoyed success with *The Great American Songbook* series of albums (*It Had to Be You*, *As Time Goes By*, *Stardust*, *Thanks for the Memory* and *Fly me to the Moon...*), concentrating on singing 1930s and 1940s pop standards by songwriters such as Irving Berlin, Cole Porter, and George and Ira Gershwin.

After a 20-year break, he returned to song-writing in 2013 – as he said, motivated by the writing of his autobiography, *Rod*, published in October 2012, and a nudge by collaborator Jim Cregan.

"Something about that process of reviewing my life for the book reconnected me," he says. "And that was it. I was away. Suddenly ideas for lyrics were piling up in my head. Next thing I knew, I had a song called *It's Over*, about divorce and separation."

And now I was getting up in the middle of the night and scrambling for a pen to write things down, which has never happened to me. I finished seven or eight songs very quickly and I still wasn't done and it became apparent that I would eventually have a whole album of material to record, which had never happened before."

The result was *Time* and now the current album *Another Country*.

But most of all, 71-year-old Rod Stewart CBE remains a showman, a crowd-pleaser, and an entertainer.

While the Carrow Road audience will most likely hear the new material and the occasional classic from *The Great American Songbook* series, it will be those massive, massive hits that will make it a night to remember. ☺

EveningTimes

Rod Stewart's daughter's band to support iconic singer on UK tour

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Rod will also appear at one other Scottish gig during his UK tour with the pop star and his daughter taking to the stage at Inverness Caledonian Stadium on June 18 the day after the Kilmarnock gig.

News & Star

Rod gets support from daughter



The Sisterhood: **Rod Stewart's** daughter Ruby, left, with Alyssa Bonagura

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The tour dates have been announced to coincide with promotion of Stewart's latest studio album, Another Country. Co-produced by Rod and Kevin Savigar, it was released in 2015 following the huge success of 2012's Time, which reached the UK number one slot.

Earlier this year, the star donated £10,000 to help Cumbria's flood recovery, when Carlisle United contacted a number of high-profile names in a search for raffle prizes.

The Sisterhood have made a strong impression since emerging last year, with soundscapes influenced by the music that filled their childhood homes; Joni Mitchell, Billy Holiday, Aretha Franklin and a slew of other musicians.

With Ruby's high-profile father, and Alyssa the daughter of daughter of Baillie & The Boys members Kathie Baillie and husband Michael Bonagura, their two very familiar but different worlds collided and the rest fell into place. June's UK tour will be their biggest run of shows to date.

Tickets for the show are available from www.ticketline.co.uk

Hull Daily MAIL

Rod's daughter to join him on stage for city concert



**Ian
Midgley**

It will be a family affair for **Rod Stewart** when he arrives in Hull this summer. The rock legend has announced he will be supported by his own daughter Ruby Stewart and her new band The Sisterhood when he performs at the KCOM Stadium in June.

The gravel-voiced rock legend, famous for tracks such as *Have I Told You Lately*, *Sailing* and *I Don't Want To Talk About It*, will be appearing in Hull as part of his eight-date UK Hits stadium tour.

Ruby Stewart, 28, who is Rod's daughter with *Sports Illustrated* Swimsuit model Kelly Emberg, started The Sisterhood last year with Nashville-born singer songwriter Alyssa Bonagura.

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His latest album *Another Country*, which he co-produced, was released in 2015 following the huge success of 2012's *Time*, which entered the UK Albums

Chart at number one setting a new British record for the longest gap between chart-topping albums by an artist. In the US, the release marked Stewart's highest-charting album of original material since 1979.

Where & when: KCOM Stadium, Hull, on Tuesday, June 14. Tickets cost from £55 to £95. Visit www.rodstewart.co.uk and www.ticketline.co.uk



SISTERHOOD:
Rod Stewart's
daughter Ruby
Stewart, left, and
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THE YORKSHIRE POST

Rod Stewart set to be joined by daughter's band on tour

FANS LOOKING forward to rock n'roll legend Rod Stewart's performance in Yorkshire next month will be able to get two Stewarts for the price of one.

The *Maggie May* singer is setting off on a tour of stadium tour in June including Hull's own KC Stadium.

And on the entire tour he will be supported by The Sisterhood, comprised of Rod's daughter Ruby Stewart and bandmate Alyssa Bonagura.

The Sisterhood - described by their promotional team as producing "a soulful and poetic sound blending haunting melodies and signature voices" will travel the length and breadth of the UK as part of Rod's UK HITS tour.

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Stewart remains one of the biggest-selling artists of all time, with more than 100m record sales worldwide.

Famed for his powerful and raspy voice has had 62 hit singles including for number ones in the USA.

Stewart plays in Hull on Tuesday June 14.

The Press and Journal

Rocker Rod's city gig to be a true family affair

Concert: Daughter's band will be warm-up act

BY CALUM ROSS

It is definitely a case of keeping it in the family.

Rod Stewart has spoken of his pride after signing up his daughter to support him on his eagerly awaited return to the Highland capital.

The rocker has ensured his upcoming gig at Inverness Caledonian Stadium will be a family affair after confirming that his daughter Ruby Stewart's band, The Sisterhood, will be the warm-up act.

The concert - on Saturday, June 18 - will be the penultimate gig on his eight-date stadium tour, and one of only two performances in Scotland. Best known for hits like Handbags and Gladrags, Maggie May and You're In My Heart, it will be the 71-year-old's first performance in Inverness since July 2010.

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Promoter Peter Taylor said: "We're delighted to have The Sisterhood joining us on the Rod Stewart Hits Tour for 2016. The fact that Rod's own daughter is going to be on the bill will only add to the experience and make this tour that little bit more special."

As well as the home of the Caley-Jags, Rod will also take to the stage at Carrow Road in Norwich, Home Park in Plymouth, the Ageas Bowl in Southampton, Cardiff City FC's home, Hull's KC Stadium, Rugby Park in Kilmarnock and Carlisle's Brunton Park.

He has amassed sales of more than 200million albums and singles worldwide in a career spanning five decades. He has garnered two inductions into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, won a Grammy, the ASCAP Founders Award for songwriting, and in 2007 was bestowed CBE by the Queen.

His latest album, released last year, is called Another Country.



Rod Stewart



TOUR: Support act The Sisterhood, Ruby Stewart, left, and Alyssa Bonagura

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Kilmarnock Standard

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Ian Russell

EXCLUSIVE

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The Inverness Courier

People get ready - it's boom time in Inverness

No beds to be had as Rod Stewart gig and Scottish Open make city rooms a sell-out

By Laurence Ford
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HOTELIERS and guest house operators in Inverness are rubbing their hands in glee with a double business boost ahead of them.

There is barely any room at the inn in the Highland capital when wrinkle rocker Rod Stewart takes to the stage in June and there is also a week-long bed shortage in July when the Scottish Open golf championship tees-off at Castle Stuart.

Anyone trying to find a hotel room online for June 18 when Rod performs at the Talloch Caledonian Stadium is greeted by the message: "This property is sold out on our site for your dates: Sat 18 Jun 2016-Sun 19 Jun 2016."

And the hotel finder site Booking.com tells potential guests looking to get their head down after Rod's performance: "Inverness is a top pick on our site amongst travellers on your selected dates (96 per cent reserved)."

The sellout situation is mirrored for the three-day Scottish Open golf championship running from July 7-10 which, when it was last played at Castle Stuart in 2013, attracted an amazing crowd of 65,000.

Harold Annand, manager of the Pentahotel Inverness, is delighted with the huge demand for beds.

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"It would be great to have events like this every month of the year, but it's very busy in the summer anyway. From talking to other hotel managers there's not a room to be had."

General manager of the city's Holiday Inn Express at Stonefield, Cathy Macleod, is also delighted with the upsurge in trade.

"It's definitely a welcome boost, especially for Rod Stewart," she said.

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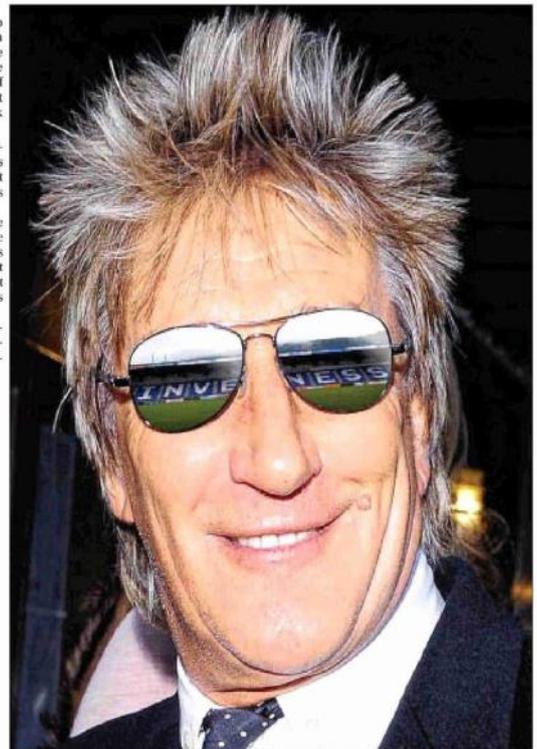
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Photo: Ray Tammarra/Getty Images. Image created by Andrew Fraser

The Inverness Courier

Cheaper to fly to Vegas to see crooner

ANYONE trawling the internet looking for a bed for the night of **Rod Stewart's** Inverness concert would have a hard job with "no vacancy" signs popping up at every hotel.

One Inverness hotel, however, is apparently bucking the trend and has a single room available on the internet site Booking.com

Earlier this week the accommodation website was offering a single room for the night of the concert at the plush Glen Mhor Hotel on Ness Bank

at an eye-watering £1878.

But any canny Rod Stewart fan should maybe think twice about blowing a small fortune for a one-off stay in Inverness and consider other options.

They would be far better off

jumping on a plane at Glasgow Airport and heading for Las Vegas, Nevada, where Rod is performing at Caesars Palace Colosseum on August 6-7, spend two nights in the Caesars Palace Hotel, take in the concert and then jump on the plane home – all for £1149.

The Glen Mhor deal, though, is also not what it seems at first sight.

A spokesman for the hotel said it was contracted with Booking.com to allocate 12 rooms to sell.

He said: "At the time of the concert the hotel is full and in order to keep up with the contract, instead of putting 'Rooms full' on that day, they just put a ridiculous price on a room which does not exist because they know no-one will buy it.

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Hull Daily MAIL

IN BRIEF

Giving thanks as a way of marking anniversary

SERVICES: Hull-based MKM Building Supplies is marking its 21st anniversary with a campaign to give something back to everyone who has supported its growth over the past two decades.

David Kilburn, co-founder and executive chairman, began the celebrations by booking Rod Stewart to play Hull's KCOM Stadium this June.

With proceeds going to two Hull charities, it seemed a great way to thank the business's home city for its support.

The 21 Thank Yous campaign is his way of extending the celebrations across the country, spanning all 42 branches of MKM and offering something to customers old and new.

Online and in branch, there will be 21 days of offers, giveaways and prizes comprising everything from T-shirts and speakers to competitions to win an Apple watch, a £500 holiday voucher or tickets to the concert.

S o u t h e r n

Highland News

Rod and Castle Stuart sell out rooms in city

BY EILIDH DAVIES

A LEGENDARY rocker and a major sporting event are behind an accommodation boom in Inverness this summer.

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Rod Stewart.

AYRSHIRE POST



Legend Rod Stewart's daughter will join him at his Rugby Park spectacular

Rod's Rugby Park visit is family affair

Rod Stewart's Rugby Park gig this summer will be a family affair, with his daughter set to join him on stage.

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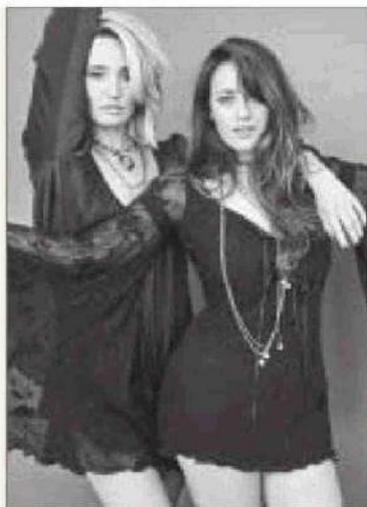
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The Sisterhood: "Cumbria? You have a special cake there don't you?"

WHEN your father is a Rock Legend and your bandmate's parents are American Country Music pioneers, it's only right that you get involved with music, isn't it? LAUREN PAGE chats to The Sisterhood about their upcoming gig supporting Rod Stewart in Carlisle.

RUBY Stewart is the daughter of Rod Stewart and Alyssa Bonaguara is the daughter of Kathie Ballie and Micheal Bonaguara from Bailee And The Boys. With famous parents, there is a lot to live up to, but the girls are starting out on the road to stardom.



Their band, The Sisterhood, has recently been added to Rod's 2016 tour line-up where they will be opening the show on various dates. One of those dates, will be in Carlisle, next month.

The Sisterhood formed when Rod Stewart made a comment to both Alyssa and Ruby that their voices would sound great together and chimed "you two should start a band", and it set off from there.

"Ruby and I both grew up around music," says Alyssa. "She grew up in rock and roll, I grew up around country. We find that this works so well together having a rock song alongside an acoustic guitar. Combining the two works so well."

Alyssa grew up in Nashville, whereas Ruby grew up in California. Alyssa continues: "At three weeks old, I was on a tour bus with my parents' group Bailee And The Boys, and I would watch my mom get ready for her show every night on her 300-date tour and she got me up on stage to sing when I was two."

Ruby, unsurprisingly, enjoyed a similar upbringing: "I was first introduced to music by my grandmother, she's an amazing jazz singer and she taught me how to sing at the age of two or three. I was always on the road with my dad, I remember him taking me on stage and as I grew up we would always duet together. We've been travelling our whole lives, we travel quite well together and our lyrics are all about being open to new possibilities and travelling."

Growing up around music, it's not wonder The Sisterhood have been able to meet people all over the industry. Alyssa said: "It's funny because we're both kids of musical offspring, but we also hang around with other musical kids too. My boyfriend is the son of Aerosmith's Brad Whitford and we were performing in LA for Jimmy Page whilst Ruby was downstairs at Sunset Marquis and my boyfriend met Ruby and they became friends and began writing. My boyfriend then tells me I need to meet Ruby, she has a fantastic voice. Rod Stewart said we should make a band and then once we were together we both agreed! I'm an only child and Ruby has eight siblings - once, our friend Chloe said "wow, you two have like a sisterhood" and the band set off from there."

Having recently performed their first festival, the girls are psyched up to travel the UK over the next few months alongside Rod on tour.

When asked how they're going to make the adaptation from small stages to stadiums like Carlisle's Brunton Park, Ruby says: "We're not sure how we're gonna figure it, we'll just see how it goes and have fun. With social media accounts and countless gig appearances, the band are becoming a well known name in the music circuit. Having recently played their first festival in Australia called CMC Rocks, The Sisterhood are gradually building up a worldwide fanbase.

Alyssa adds: "I have a close friend who is an artist in Australia and he brought his manager along to see us one night and he said, "we've got a slot on the main stage. It's for an hour, can you fill it?" I said, we only have six songs, but we'd love to! We love playing to a lot of people and trying new settings so taking this gig and supporting Rod is a great chance."

The Westmorland Gazette

Rod keeping it in family

ROD Stewart will be supported by The Sisterhood on his UK stadium tour next month.

In June the US-based The Sisterhood, comprising Rod's daughter Ruby Stewart and bandmate Alyssa Bonagura, will travel the length and breadth of the UK on Rod Stewart's UK Hits tour

The tour will see the bands take over football stadiums, including Brunton Park in Carlisle on June 21.

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Daily Record

Rod Stewart's daughter will support her dad in Kilmarnock ... on her 29th birthday

Ruby Stewart will travel to Kilmarnock with her band The Sisterhood and says she can't wait to celebrate her birthday in Ayrshire. The big [Rod Stewart](#) Rugby Park party is only three weeks away and it's not just ticket-holders who are getting all worked up.

Support act The Sisterhood, comprising Rod's daughter Ruby and friend Alyssa Bonagura, this week told The Standard they were both honoured to be heading to Kilmarnock on June 17. That's already a special date for Ruby as it's her 29th birthday that day.

"I can't wait," she said on Tuesday in an exclusive interview with the paper. "I can't think of a better place to be on my birthday. It's Scotland, it's a football stadium, and your guys have just saved their place in your top league. The atmosphere will be incredible." Added Alyssa: "If we go down well with the fans I'm going to try to get them to sing 'Happy Birthday' to Ruby."

Behind the excitement the pair admitted they feel nervous about the Rugby Park show and the rest of the UK tour this summer. As The Sisterhood the duo, who met through friends while working on their solo careers, have performed at Fashion Week in Milan and Miami, guested at Rod's Vegas show at Caesar's palace, and played the main stage at one of Australia's biggest country festivals.

Said Ruby: "Anyone who says they don't have nerves before a show is lying. We definitely do." "That's for sure," said Alyssa, "but we hope we can overcome them and put on a show to remember."

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Kilmarnock Standard

Rod's gig will be a birthday belter

Ruby shares stage

Ian Russell

The big Rod Stewart Rugby Park party is only three weeks away and it's not just ticket-holders who are getting all worked up.

Support act The Sisterhood, comprising Rod's daughter Ruby and friend Alyssa Bonagura, this week told *The Standard* they were both honoured to be heading to Kilmarnock on June 17.

That's already a special date for Ruby as it's her 29th birthday that day. "I can't wait," she said on Tuesday in an exclusive interview with the paper. "I can't think of a better place to be on my birthday. It's Scotland, it's a football stadium, and your guys have just saved their place in your top league."

"The atmosphere will be incredible."

Added Alyssa: "If we go down well with the fans I'm going to try to get them to sing 'Happy Birthday' to Ruby."

Behind the excitement the pair admitted they feel nervous about the Rugby Park show and the rest of the UK tour this summer.

As The Sisterhood the duo, who met through friends while working on their solo careers, have performed at Fashion Week in Milan and Miami, guested at Rod's Vegas

snow at Caesar's palace, and played the main stage at one of Australia's biggest country festivals.

Said Ruby: "Anyone who says they don't have nerves before a show is lying. We definitely do."

"That's for sure," said Alyssa, "but we hope we can overcome them and put on a show to remember."

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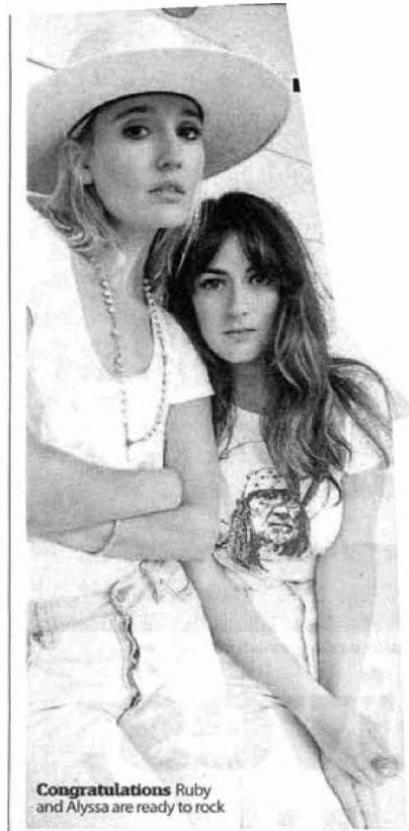
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Congratulations Ruby and Alyssa are ready to rock



Sell-out gig Rod will rock a packed Rugby Park

The SUNDAY POST

Daddy's girl: the day Ruby made Rod cry

Rocker's daughter sang him to tears

By Bill Gibb

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ROD STEWART'S daughter Ruby has told how she moved her dad to tears.

Model stunner Ruby is also a talented singer and she says the first time Rod saw her new band was a total tear-fest.

Ruby's The Sisterhood pal Alyssa Bonagura was also overcome with emotion at the Los Angeles gig, also attended by Aerosmith's Steven Tyler. Rod, 71, had heard the girls singing Joni Mitchell songs backstage at one of his Las Vegas shows and suggested they team up together.

"He came to our first show and was crying because he was so proud," Ruby, 28, told The Sunday Post.

"Dad had suggested a Joni Mitchell cover but we surprised him with Gasoline Alley as a thank you for getting us to start a band.

"It's rare that my dad cries, so when he does, it's like mountains move.

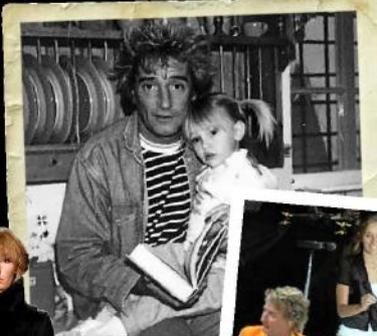
"I couldn't even look at him when I was on stage because I saw him swelling up in the front row. I knew if I looked then I'd start crying, too."

Ruby, whose mum is former model Kelly Emberg, is likely to have her dad bursting with pride again in Scotland next month.

He has picked The Sisterhood as the support act for his big UK tour, which is at Kilmarnock's Rugby Park on Friday, June 17, and Caledonian Stadium, Inverness, the following day.

"The girls were already due to play on their own at Brighton's big Great Escape Festival last weekend. But they had no other UK plans until Rod stepped in.

"I was telling my dad about Brighton over dinner one night and he said: 'Why don't you come on tour with me?'," confides Ruby.



Rod and Ruby have had a close relationship through the years.

"I've been on stage with my dad since I was 15 but this is really different because he's trusting me to open the show.

"It's a big deal and I don't think he would put us out there if he didn't really believe in what we're doing."

Ruby insists that her roots have been instilled in her so deeply, she's relishing the Scottish dates.

"I'm so excited because of my Scottish heritage. I'm glad to be back home."

"The first time I ever performed I draped a huge Scottish flag across my chest and walked out on stage.

"I think it might actually have been Wembley. I guess I was quite gutsy."

"My dad has raised us to be really proud to be Scottish. All of my dad's houses have flags and memorabilia everywhere."

Ruby has regularly performed a

including when he was the opening act at the SSE Hydro in September 2013.

But she giggles as she recalls that a much earlier appearance north of the Border sticks in her mind for another reason entirely.

"Scotts crowds are the best audiences. But I do remember being flashed on tour with my dad.

"This woman in the front row totally flashed me and I was like: 'Do you think I'm my dad? Can you not see I'm a 15-year-old girl?'"

"I was a little bit uncomfortable but my dad just said: 'Well, that's Scotland for you!'"

Alyssa has a musical background, too, with her mum and dad Michael and Kathie fronting big US country band Isille & the Boys.

Ruby admits their upbringing plays a big part in how well they get

that our houses were filled with music," says Ruby.

"Mine was rock and soul and hers was country and folk.

"My earliest memory of singing was with my grandmother. I was quite an insomniac and she would stay up and watch movies like Singin' in the Rain with me.

"But I do remember my dad playing a lot of Motown, Otis Redding and Sam Cooke around the house."

And Rod's musical influence obviously shaped Ruby's career path.

"He's really taught me so much. He bought me my first guitar, showed me how to play it and he taught me my first song.

"Most of our relationship we've bonded over music."

"Even if he was gone for three months he'd come back and we'd talk about music or go to shows together.

"That's what made that first concert

Rod and Kelly were together for six years but split up soon after Ruby was born.

Ruby was blessed with her Texan mum's stunning looks and has forged a successful modelling career.

She took Alyssa along to a recent shoot in Venice and admits that her job always means they have a ready-made choice of glamorous outfits to look good on stage.

She jokes about "not having any other talents" despite having toyed with becoming a vet when she was younger.

But she says that singing, not showing off designer clothes, is what really means everything to both her and Alyssa who "live, sleep and breathe music."

"I've always done modelling because I've needed to pay for my music," she confides.

"It's also incredible because you get

first love and modelling is my source of income when music's not."

Ruby has just moved to Alyssa's home city of Nashville, where the pair have been working on new music. There's a new six-track EP which has a cover of Gasoline Alley.

"Dad wrote that wish just him and Ronnie Wood and I love early Faces stuff," says Ruby.

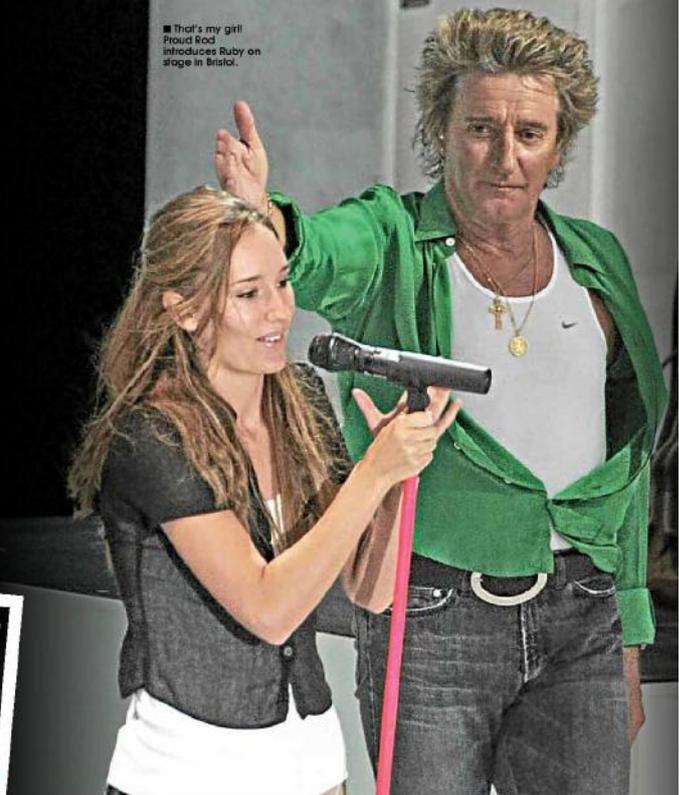
"I feel like it was my dad really writing for himself and that impresses me more than some of the other songs he's covered."

The first of Rod's two Scottish tour dates will be even more special for Ruby as she'll celebrate turning 29 at Rugby Park.

"I can't think of a better place to be for my birthday," she adds.

"I don't know what we're going to do, whether my dad's going to play a joke and produce some massive cake."

"But I do know it's going to be a really



That's my girl: Proud Rod introduces Ruby on stage in Bristol.

Eastern Daily Press

Get yourselves ready to rock on Saturday, Rod fans – because tonight he's yours

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Rod Stewart fans are in for a treat this weekend as the star returns to Carrow Road after a five year wait.

The 73-year-old singer, best known for hits such as Maggie May and Sailing, is to perform at the stadium on Saturday.

It comes after he promised thousands of fans at the city's football ground back in 2011 that he would return.

Canaries commercial director Ben Kensell said: "We're delighted that Rod Stewart will be returning

to Carrow Road for another concert following his hugely successful performance here in 2011.

"It's another great opportunity for his many thousands of fans in the region to enjoy the performance of this British music legend."

Stewart, who rose to fame in the bands The Jeff Beck Group and The Faces, is not the only major name to have performed at the stadium in recent years.

Elton John entertained thousands

of fans in 2005, followed by George Michael in 2007.

His latest performance in Norwich is part of an eight-date UK fully-staged outdoor stadium tour.

Organisers were unable to reveal how many tickets had been sold for the event.

They are priced at £55, £75 and £95 plus special VIP packages are available from www.ticketline.co.uk

■ **Are you hosting a major music event? Call Luke Powell on 01603 772684 or email luke.powell@archant.co.uk**

Other musicians at Carrow Road

Carrow Road has been a popular venue choice for well-known musicians visiting the region in years gone by.

In 2005 Elton John gave a performance to remember at the stadium – his first in

Norwich in more than 20 years. More than 20,000 attended the concert, which also starred Lulu.

Two years later, in 2007, George Michael performed at the venue

over the summer period.

Fans were asked to fork out £100 each for top-priced tickets to see the pop sensation, who is best known for the hits Don't Let the Sun Go Down on Me and Careless Whisper.

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■ **Rod Stewart** will be performing at Carrow Road this weekend. Below left, Elton John performing in 2005. Photos: SUBMITTED & JAMES BASS



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Your guide to the **best of the month ahead**

For the kids!
Sticky Kids: Move it & Groove It, Wednesday, 15th June.
Molly and Mac return to Strathpeffer Pavilion for another action-packed sing-along show for children aged two to seven. Lots of audience participation!

What's on

Let's go...



For the family!
Building Blocks, 21st May to 18th June, Inverness Museum and Art Gallery. An interactive exhibition designed to encourage participation in an online building project using the computer game Minecraft. Featuring new technologies including virtual and augmented reality. Craft activities and displays.

Award winning comic Billy Kirkwood performs his new, live show at **Eden Court Theatre on Friday, 10th June.** He's been described as something of a Glaswegian Peter Kay — only ruder, cruder and with an extra sprinkle of danger!



Britain's best-selling classical crossover singer **Russell Watson** returns with a stunning collection of our best loved songs. See him at **Eden Court Theatre on Sunday, 3rd July.**



Public Image Ltd, Ironworks, Saturday 11th June.
Former Sex Pistol John Lydon fronts this post-punk band, which released their 10th studio album this year.



Adventurer **Will Milward**, who presents BBC Two's *Hunters of the South Seas*, spent his 20s seeking ancient intertribal trade routes in West Papua. Listen to his gripping tales of adventure at **Eden Court Theatre on Wednesday, 8th June.**



Top Pick! Rock superstar **Rod Stewart** returns to the Jubilee Caledonian Stadium, Inverness, following a sell-out gig in 2010. He will perform on **Saturday, 18th June.** Tickets are £10 for this tour.

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Strauss, Tchaikovsky, Verdi, Vivaldi, names, names, names all trying not to play second fiddle to extraordinary lasers and special effects. You've never experienced Nessun Dorma like this before! **Tomorrow, Royal Festival Hall, London, southbankcentre.co.uk**



SUNSET SAFARI
It's animal magic and no mistake down at London Zoo this evening when you get a rare chance to see how things come alive at sunset, with food, face-painting, music, fun facts... oh, and plenty of beautiful animals. **Tonight, London Zoo, Regent's Park, zsl.org**



ROD STEWART
Old hot legs himself is ready to strut the stage singing hits, hits and more hits in a show called, erm... **H&S**. **Tomorrow, Carron Road Stadium, Norwich, ticketline.co.uk**



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gig AFTER a triumphant headline set at Radio 1's Big Weekend, **COLDPLAY** will kick off the British leg of their world tour tomorrow night at Manchester's Etihad Stadium. It's going to be a big weekend for music as **AC/DC**, **above**, and **ROD STEWART** will also start their UK tours with shows in London and Norwich.



While You Work last year, release Something Inside So Strong today.

film YOU won't want to miss **STEPHAN JAMES**'s new flick **Race**. The inspiring movie tells the true story of American track and field athlete **JESSE OWENS**, who took on Hitler's Aryan vision at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin. I expect it will be a harrowing watch but I'll definitely be heading to the cinema for it.



awards THE South Bank Sky Arts Awards will hold its 20th ceremony on Sunday at The Savoy in London. **Wolf Hall**, **Humans** and **Doctor Foster** will battle it out in the TV Drama category. **YEARS & YEARS**, **above**, **SLEAFORD MODS** and **BENJAMIN CLEMENTINE** are nominated for the Pop award. Catch the show on Sky Arts on Wednesday.



album THEY topped the charts with their Christmas hit **A Bridge Over You** – and now the **LEWISHAM AND GREENWICH NHS CHOIR** are aiming to go to No1 with their debut album too. The group, who appeared on **GARETH MALONE**'s show **Sing**



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I'LL WEAR IT WELL!

HE is a world class entertainer who is ranked among the biggest selling artists of all time.

Rod Stewart's sold out *The Hits* tour arrives at the home of Hampshire cricket a week today.

The rock superstar will be belting out his array of hit songs at the Ageas Bowl next Friday.

His tartan army of fans in Hampshire will be treated to the show as part of an eight-date UK stadium tour.

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The many timeless hits include

Do Ya Think I'm Sexy, *Maggie May*, *Tonight's the Night* and *You Wear It Well*.

Throughout his career, Rod has garnered two inductions into the coveted Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, won a Grammy, the ASCAP Founders Award for songwriting, and in 2007 was bestowed Commander of the British Empire (CBE) by the Queen.

His latest album *Another Country* was released in October. It follows the huge success of 2012's 'Time' which entered the UK Albums Chart at No. 1, setting a

new British record for the longest gap between chart-topping albums by an artist - while in the US, it marked Stewart's highest-

charting album of original material since 1979.

In 2012, Stewart became a New York Times bestselling author with the release of his autobiography *Rod*.

Support for the Southampton date comes from Rod's daughter's band The Sisterhood. US-based Ruby Stewart and Alyssa Bonagura produce a soulful and poetic signature sound.



Diss Mercury

All you need to know about Rod Stewart's return to Carrow Road this weekend

The 73-year-old singer, best known for hits such as Maggie May and Sailing kicks off his UK Hits 2016 stadium tour at Carrow Road on Saturday.

He promised thousands of fans at the city's football ground back in 2011 that he would return.

County Hall will be open for pay-on-the-day parking from 3.30pm priced at £8 per car with gates for the concert opening at 5pm.

The stadium opens to corporate ticket holders from 4.30pm.

Norwich Park and Ride will also be running additional late services from the Airport, Harford, Sprowston and Thickthorn with the last bus back to each site departing Norwich bus station at midnight.

No food or drink will be allowed into the ground.

- Tickets for the event were priced at £55, £75 and £95 plus £125 for special VIP tickets but are no longer available on Ticketmaster.

- Are you going to the event? Don't forget to tweet your pictures to [@EDP24](https://twitter.com/EDP24)



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Western Morning News

Rod Stewart returns with gig at Plymouth's Home Park

Following the release of his studio album *Another Country*, Rod Stewart will play at Plymouth Argyle FC's Home Park stadium on Tuesday, June 7.

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