

## Having a Ball

Harrogate Candlelighters prepare a gangster themed Autumn Ball to raise much-needed funds

Five, four, three, two, one, off go the bloody doors. It's going to be an exciting night of fun and entertainment at the Harrogate Candlelighters Autumn Ball of 16 October at the Pavilion at Harewood House. With the aid of the LinkedIn group, the Yorkshire Mafia headed by Geoff Shepherd, Harrogate anticipates a sellout event.

This year the Candlelighters Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Unit move from St James's University to the Leeds General Infirmary. In order to maintain the same level of care, comfort and treatment for the

many children and teenagers on the unit The Candlelighters Trust needs to raise an extra £500,000 this year. The Harrogate committee has dedicated this year's event to aiding this fund. In previous years Harrogate has raised tens of thousands of pounds to fund brain tumour and bone cancer research.

For information about tickets, sponsorship and any donations please contact Sue Patterson on 07931 720 101 for ticket availability. A special 10% discount is on offer for all tickets booked and paid for by 31 May 2010.

See [www.candlelighters.org.uk/localgroups](http://www.candlelighters.org.uk/localgroups) for more info

## Monkey Business

The Blue Monkey Club swings on to Harrogate's nightlife scene



Harrogate's newest night venue The Blue Monkey Club opened last month with a guest appearance from Boyzone star Shane Lynch. The club, which replaces Carringtons on Station Parade, welcomed more than 800 clubbers on Saturday 27th March.

The new club houses three main areas, The Blue Monkey Club, The Blue Lounge and The Venue which have between them six bars and four dance floors.

The launch saw The Theory playing live while DJ Jacko hit the decks.

Manager Wayne Stephenson says, "We had guests queuing down Station Parade and they couldn't wait to get into the club which was a great sight to see. We had Champagne flowing and the guests in the VIP and Blue Lounge really set the style for the new club."

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## Allerton Awarded

Dine catering company celebrates success at Allerton Castle

The Dine at Allerton team is celebrating after the castle was named Regional Winner in Wedding TV's Best of British Wedding Venues. The TV channel devoted a series to touring the nation's most beautiful and desirable wedding venues, and listed Allerton second in the whole of the country and a winner regionally.

The success is particularly noteworthy, given the devastating fire which all but destroyed the venue in 2005. Dr Rolph and the Rolph Foundation have since spent several million on the restoration of this important example of a Victorian Gothic Castle and business has never been stronger.

Daniel Gill, managing director of Dine says, "Dine works in partnership

with Allerton Castle to offer clients a comprehensive service for their events throughout the castle and the wider estate. We are extremely proud of the service that we provide and can manage everything from concept to completion which ensures that each wedding is as unique as the bride and groom themselves. Allerton Castle is fully deserving of this accolade and truly is one of the most special wedding venues in the country."

Claudie Ineson, senior venue and events manager at Allerton says, "This is a great recognition of the sheer commitment which Allerton has made to looking after our clients and creating one of the most sought-after events venues in the UK."



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# Combat Barbie Comes to Harrogate

Miss England, Lance Corporal Katrina Hodge, encourages Miss Harrogate contestants with a visit

The current Miss England popped in to Revolution Harrogate last month to impart some wise words for wannabe Miss Harrogate winners. Katrina Hodge, dubbed by the media as 'Combat Barbie' when she took a year's leave to take up the coveted position, held a question and answer session for Miss Harrogate finalists.

The women were last month chosen to go through to the final, which will take place at Revolution on Friday 28th May.

Katrina, who returns to the army in September, told the girls, "Just enjoy it - it's a good chance to make new friends. Being in the army for me it meant meeting some other girls!"

"There can only be one winner, I never expected to get it so you don't know what's around the corner."

The winner of Miss Harrogate will enjoy a year of modelling opportunities including the front cover shoot of July's issue of *Plush*.



For all the nominees and details on how to vote, visit [www.missengland.info/regionals/harrogate](http://www.missengland.info/regionals/harrogate)

# Local Heroes Crowned

Harrogate Hospitality & Tourism Awards to celebrate businesses and individuals next month

Organisers of the 2010 Harrogate Hospitality & Tourism Awards are bowled over with the public's response voting for their local champions.

The number of nominations has doubled on last year, with over 800 received through email entries and entry form completions. In only its second year, this awards event has captured the imagination of businesses associated with the hospitality and tourism industry, but also the public, who recognise the importance that good service contributes to this important industry for the town.

Each of the nine categories is sponsored by a local business.

David Ritson, chairman of the organiser group Destination Harrogate, an association of 13 local hotels dedicated to promoting the town, says, "We were delighted last year with the amount of response our awards

created, particularly as it was the first year and you just don't know what to expect. This year however, the response has outstripped all expectation. It just goes to show how important the public view the hospitality and tourism industry here in Harrogate and the surrounding district."

The voting will culminate in an award ceremony at the Royal Hall on the 7th June; tickets priced at £45 are still available from Sian Craig on 01423 858 585.



Last year's awards ceremony

[www.destinationharrogate.co.uk/hhta](http://www.destinationharrogate.co.uk/hhta)

# Veg Out!

Local businesses celebrate National Vegetarian Week this month

This month marks the eighteenth National Vegetarian Week (NVW). Running from the 24th to 30th May, NVW is the annual awareness-raising campaign from the Vegetarian Society, promoting inspirational vegetarian food and the benefits of a meat-free lifestyle.

Businesses across Britain are taking part in activities. In our area, The Angel Inn at Hetton near Skipton will host a vegetarian charity gourmet dinner on the 27th May, pairing four courses with Yorkshire wines in a celebration of both NVW and English Wine Week. Tickets cost £40 with all proceeds going to Unicef Clean Water projects in Ethiopia. The Kings Arms in Haworth also plans to embrace the event with vegetarian specials throughout the week.

[www.nationalvegetarianweek.org](http://www.nationalvegetarianweek.org); The Angel Inn, Hetton, Skipton, 01756 730 263; The Kings Arms, Main Street, Haworth, Keighley, 01535 647 302



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# Space Aged

The Harrogate vintage store celebrates its first year



Vintage treasure-trove Space at the Ginnel, just off Parliament Street, celebrated its first year of trading with an old-fashioned knees-up last month.

Shoppers on Saturday the 24th April were treated to retro drinks, nibbles and cupcakes while browsing the

vintage wares which include dresses, accessories and all manner of home-wares from vintage fabrics to serving trays, flying ducks and garish but glam cushions.

From one birthday belle to another, congratulations Space!

Ali Schofield



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# Lily & Beau Moves

The designer boutique promises a very fashionable Spring/Summer season ahead

Lily & Beau are set to move to Prince's Street this month, having been at their Parliament Street address for nearly a year. The move is offering the opportunity for an exciting expansion, and the shop will stock an even better variety of original girly treats.

"Parliament Street has only ever been a short-term lease," owner Claire explains. "Launching in a recession, we wanted to trial the business first."

"Our customers have been so great and supportive that we've now got the confidence to commit to a permanent home. We'll still be doing daywear, occasion wear and accessories. We've got even more British brands coming on board. There's something very exciting happening later this year on the second floor - I can't give away the details yet but it's a unique proposition."

Despite not having been around

for long, Lily & Beau has developed a loyal following among the women of Harrogate after something a bit different. They only stock small numbers of each item, so the customer gets a level of exclusivity, even if it's at an everyday price.

The shop sells quirky British brands like Bolongaro Trevor, Traffic People and Belle & Bunty. Brighton-based jewellery brand Orelia is new to the shop, offering unique and affordable accessories. Lily & Beau are also the exclusive stockist of hair bands by local designer Laura Rose.

Look out invitations to the upcoming launch event - the girls at Lily & Beau are preparing the party of the year!

Yasmin Lajoie



15 Prince's Street, 01423 313 844

# Frootique Opens

New milkshake bar brings all the boys - and girls and even some cows - to the yard

Have you seen somebody in a cow costume wandering the streets of Harrogate recently, and wondered what on earth they were doing?

Well, the cow was promoting Frootique, a new milkshake and smoothie bar on Cheltenham Crescent. The concept bar opened on the 10th April and has proved very popular with the locals. Even the cow now has a following on Facebook.

The idea is simple: you pick from over 100 flavours, including biscuits, chocolate bars, cakes and old-school sweets, then watch as it's blended with milk and ice cream into a delicious shake.

Owner Angela Peggall got the idea while on holiday in Bournemouth. "It's not an original idea, but we are the first in Harrogate," the former tattooist told *Plush*.

"We've got a retro, 50s feel. It's a bit quirky and kooky and a lot of fun."

"There's this big drive on healthy eating and getting your five-a-day at the moment, but everybody deserves a bit of a treat now and again and this is a naughty indulgence."

They also offer fruit smoothies and skimmed milk versions of the milkshakes for those watching their figures, as well as non-dairy milkshakes made with soya milk for vegans.

Sandwiches are freshly made every morning. Coffee is also available, with new and guest flavours frequently featuring on the specials board.

Yasmin Lajoie



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