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Middlesbrough - We Love It!

On the opening day of the new football season, some 33,000 Boro fans left the nation in no doubt about what they thought of their town when they rose as one to roar their support for the message - 'Middlesbrough - We Love It'.

Spelled out on cards across the North Stand of the Riverside Stadium, the response to the message was the defining moment of the hugely successful launch of the Love Middlesbrough campaign. Thanks to those Boro fans, it reached national audiences through Sky and BBC TV's Match of the Day, with requests from all over the world for badges and T-shirts bearing the new lovemiddlesbrough logo.

The Love Middlesbrough campaign shows what can be achieved when a town unites behind a common aim. Dave Allan of Middlesbrough Football Club was a founder member of a group that first came together to counter the unrecognisable image of the town presented by Channel 4's 'Location, Location, Location,' programme. He said: "As probably the most high profile business in Middlesbrough, we know the football club is a standard bearer for the town. We are proud to represent it and were delighted to have the opportunity to provide a focal point for the launch of a campaign that can only have beneficial effects for Middlesbrough, its people and its businesses. Via our supporters who come from all walks of life, we are more than happy to help spread the word about Middlesbrough around the globe."

With the Council on the same mission with Dave Allan and the University of Teesside's Corporate Communications Team, their paths converged in the three-year campaign, which supports the aims of Middlesbrough Council's Regeneration Team by raising awareness of the developments and innovations that are making Middlesbrough a model of 21st Century regeneration.

For example, in an era when environmental considerations are paramount, the mixed business, leisure and residential development that is transforming redundant dockland at Middlehaven into an architecturally stunning landscape is the largest zero-carbon development in the country. Academia is also represented there by the superb £68m new home for Middlesbrough College.

As befits an international centre for environmental industries, Middlesbrough is also a Beacon Council for Tackling Climate Change, which means it sets the standard for councils throughout England. Middlesbrough Environment City is one of only four Environment Cities in the country.

Middlesbrough also excels in another key 21st Century industry, establishing itself as a national centre for digital media and technology - a discipline that is helping to establish the University of Teesside, as one of the UK's leading universities. The town hosts the UK's largest international festival of audio and visual art, as well as an international festival of animation and computer games that has been independently rated as the best in the world.

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The town also stages the Mela, one of the largest multi-cultural events in the North and one of the largest free musical festivals in the country, while four major malls and the pedestrianised town centre attract shoppers from all over the region.

mima (Middlesbrough Institute of Modern Art) epitomises the new spirit of optimism that is transforming the town. The exciting programme of exhibitions and events staged at this iconic venue attracts visitors from far and wide.

mima, incidentally, overlooks the greenest public square in Europe, which provided the stunning venue when the town won the honour of hosting the prestigious Proms In the Park.

Middlesbrough's national status as a cultural centre will be further enhanced this Autumn, when work begins at Middlehaven on a massive sculpture that will be part of the largest public art initiative in the world. Called Temenos (a Greek word meaning land dedicated as a sanctuary), the 110m long and 50m high steel mesh work will call upon the town's traditional engineering skills to construct. It will be the first in a £15m series called Tees Valley Giants by renowned sculptor Anish Kapoor and leading structural engineer Cecil Balmond of Arup.

These and the many other assets that make Middlesbrough such an exciting and vibrant town provide the ammunition for the Love Middlesbrough campaign.

The recent launch of the Middlesbrough Quiz brought together the digital skills of the University and the town's charismatic mayor, Ray Mallon. The game challenges and educates players on the positive aspects of Middlesbrough in a tongue-in-cheek way.

Business people will also be recruited as ambassadors to actively promote the image of the 'new' Middlesbrough nationally and internationally. They will be part of an Ambassadors Club, which will be launched in November and will culminate in a Celebrity Gala Dinner in 2010.

Cllr David Budd, Executive Member for Regeneration and Economic Development, said: "Response to the launch showed how local people are immensely proud of all the exciting things that are happening in Middlesbrough. It is now up to us to build on that local pride and show the country exactly why we love Middlesbrough."

Details of the Campaign programme will feature on the www.lovemiddlesbrough.com website, which will be continually developed and updated as the campaign progresses ■

Breakfast Exchange Gets A Makeover

Middlesbrough Business Forum's Breakfast Exchange has received a makeover in the form of a new venue for future meetings. After an August break the Breakfast Exchange was back with a lively business crowd at uber trendy fashion store, Psyche.



Located on Linthorpe Road, Psyche will be the new home of the Breakfast Exchange. Previous meetings have taken place at Alforno Restaurant in Middlesbrough as part of Middlesbrough Council's on-going commitment to support local business.

Since the first meeting back in January the Breakfast Exchange has grown from strength to strength, providing the Middlesbrough business community with a quality, free to attend business event in the centre of town.

Breakfast Exchange partners include Vantis plc, a business and tax advisory firm based in the Tees Valley, and Finance Tree. Business experts are on hand to offer business advice and training support. Representatives from Middlesbrough Council, The University of Teesside and Business Link are also in attendance to offer business advice.

Michelle McPhee, Business Development Officer, Middlesbrough Council said: "We are delighted Psyche is supporting Middlesbrough Business Forum. The store's Bistro lends itself brilliantly as a meeting venue and they are sure to be a perfect breakfast host."

All the favourite features of the Breakfast Exchange will remain, businesses who attend can expect to receive free-flow coffee and breakfast pastries, wifi, morning papers and

'Business in the Spotlight', a 10 minute interview with a Middlesbrough business.

Hosted by Ali Brownlee, The Breakfast Exchange is a non-traditional approach to networking. Its cosmopolitan edge provides attendees with a more relaxed, informal atmosphere in which to chat and do business.

Anyone wishing to attend The Breakfast Exchange, which is held on the last Thursday of the month, (except December) should book online.

Visit www.middlesbroughbusinessforum.co.uk or contact event organisers We Do Marketing on 01642 322544. Places are limited and booking is essential ■

Something to help your clients grow?

Jonathan Gold and Peter Hiscocks know a thing or two about growing businesses. They worked together for a number of years to create fresh thinking on raising investment capital and completed a management buyout to create Finance Tree in April. Their main current project provides training, self-help software and mentoring to businesses looking for investment.

Jonathan came to the North East in 2003 and was, until the buyout in April, a director of NStar, which has now evolved into North East Finance. This has been a transition back to the private sector for Jonathan, following his work to help create the North East Proof of Concept Fund and, among other things, the Fund Management Company, NorthStar Equity Investors.

The investment readiness programme Finance and Business, now well into its second year, is about helping companies and entrepreneurs learn the gentle art of building a case for, planning and raising investment. "Accountants are crucial sources of referral into the project and we are always looking out for innovative accountants to integrate into the programme as speakers and in other roles," said Peter who manages the course programme with 18 available course dates from September into the New Year. For more information please visit www.financeandbusiness.biz.

The project isn't just aimed at companies seeking venture capital investment but they are certainly a target. Jonathan said: "Many growth businesses start small, we don't want to miss great people with ideas just starting out, so this project could help you whether you need a few tens of thousand's or £1 million in capital."

There is a range of courses, many of them free, available to individuals. They are mostly delivered by Peter, with a lot of outside guest speakers; "We aim to take people on a personal journey from examining cash management in a business to understanding the demands and needs of lenders, business angels and venture capital investors."

In addition to the courses a range of software is available. The first of these Fund Finders - helps you identify the grants, loans and equity you might be eligible for as an SME in the North East. The second BIRT (Business Investment Readiness Tool) takes you through the issues important to investors to test your business plans before you start seeing investors.

Jonathan emphasised: "We aim to provide specific training and advice around preparing a business for and seeking investment, we don't replace the work of accountants. Indeed we stress the need to find and work with good ones!"

However good the training at some point people feel they still need someone to help take them through the process and Jonathan and his team also have some one-to-one support and mentor tools available for example see Accelerator Mentors, on the website.

If you are considering growing your business and want to be better informed on the options for investment finance and venture capital Jonathan and his team have something for you. "We work with a lot of accountants in the region and have assisted more than 1,200 businesses, we also discover businesses that need a good accountant..."

"In the end we are about bridging the communications gap between investors and businesses and do so by demystifying the investment process and costs of finance."

Please contact Jane Reynolds if you would like an opportunity to discuss your business requirements. email: j.reynolds@financetree.biz or call 0191 230 6370 or mobile 07872 839 456 ■



Local Action on Climate Change

Climate change and the impact on our lives is never out of the news.

With mounting concern over our abilities to rein in the green house gas emissions that are raising the temperature of the planet some people think it just too big a problem to deal with. But it isn't!

On 10th and 11th March 2009, Middlesbrough Council, in partnership with Forum for the Future, will be hosting the second National Climate Change Conference that is focusing on practical support to local action. Aimed primarily at local authorities and their key partners, internationally recognised speakers will explain the impact that local actions can have, how to engage with business, voluntary and community sectors as well as individual households and enthuse all, including individuals, to recognise the important contribution they can make to dealing with this global problem.

As a Beacon Council for Tackling Climate Change, Middlesbrough Council, is contributing to a national Beacon programme to help local authorities tackle climate change. Beacon colleagues will help provide a broad spectrum of experience and expertise that will form the basis of the conference's delivery of practical information and advice.

As well as highlighting the work of Middlesbrough and the other Beacon Councils, this conference will showcase progress on tackling climate change throughout the Tees Valley and the north east as a whole.

If you would like to be kept informed about the Conference please contact Stephen Calvert, Climate Change Beacon Coordinator, email: stephen.calvert@middlesbrough.gov.uk Tel. 01642 728082 ■

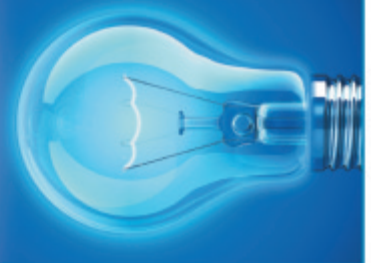
"The value of an idea lies in the using of it."

Thomas Edison (1847-1931)

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Record enrolment at new Middlesbrough College

The brand new Middlesbrough College is proving a big draw for thousands of students.

The state-of-the-art college at Middlehaven is expected to enrol up to 15,000 full and part-time students. Assistant principal Richard Atkinson said: "There's definitely an incentive for the students to come here with all the fantastic new facilities. Full time applications are up 13% on last year and with 2,600 full time students, we are the biggest college in the Tees Valley. But we are also noticing a lot more online enrolments and inquiries via our website."

At five storeys high and covering 32,000 sq metres, Middlesbrough College is one of the Tees Valley's largest buildings. It boasts more than 70 classrooms, two lecture theatres, six science laboratories, a theatre, a sports hall, gymnastic training centre and fitness studio, hair and beauty salons, training kitchens, recording studios, construction and engineering workshops and even a travel agency.

18-year-old April Lenihan (pictured below), of Netherfields, Middlesbrough, was one of the first to enrol full-time. She said: "I'm really excited about coming to Middlesbrough College. This is the first time I have been inside and it looks amazing. I will be studying for a National Diploma in Leisure and Tourism and I just want to see where the course takes me with my career, but I know this looks like a great place to learn."

For more information on all the courses at Middlesbrough College, visit the website at www.mbro.ac.uk



Is your business up for the Vantis Corporation Challenge?

Do you like being challenged? Would you like the opportunity for your team to demonstrate its ability and raise money for deserving local charities? Do you really think you have what it takes to be the best out of 100 leading companies and organisations in Tees Valley? If so you are up for the Vantis Corporate Challenge.



Vantis plc, the leading business advisory, tax and accountancy group, is throwing down the gauntlet to 100 leading businesses in Tees Valley and inviting your companies to take part. Here's the deal... Vantis provide you with a crisp £50 note. Your challenge is to raise as much money as possible from the £50 over a period of three months, the only rule being it must be done ethically and legally. All the money raised will be donated equally between two local charities: Zoe's Place and Hartlepool & District Hospice to help them in their efforts to achieve a difficult funding target.

Awards will be given to those that are deemed the 'most innovative idea' as well as the 'most

money generated' at an awards ceremony in May. Companies can enter more than one team if they wish.

The challenge will start with a launch party on the Thursday, January 22 at Mercedes-Benz of Teesside and end with the awards ceremony in May, 2009 when the winners will be announced.

If you are up for the challenge and believe your business has got what it takes, then please contact Lisa Higgins, We Do Marketing on 01642 322544 or email vantischallenge@me.com ■

A staff Christmas party to remember

If you haven't booked your staff Christmas party then Middlesbrough Town Hall has just the answer.

Their three Christmas Party nights on Thursday, 18, through to Saturday 20 December promise to give you a night to remember. Cabaret seating, Christmas trees and the beautifully lit Victorian concert hall offer the perfect surroundings to get you into the Christmas spirit. After you have enjoyed your three-course meal and a drink or two, you will be entertained by one of the greatest acts on the circuit and then have the chance to dance the night away as the DJ plays your favourite party tunes.

Both acts performing have been chosen for the quality of their performances. The Bohemians are one of the world's finest Queen tribute acts described by Queen guitarist Brian May as 'brilliant' playing sell-out shows around the world and this is your chance to sample their spectacular show on Thursday, December 18. Or, if you fancy stepping back in time then our two 70s nights can help you do just that. London Hippodrome regulars,

'Earth Wind for Hire' promise to keep you on the dance floor and take you back to the seventies on Friday, 19 and Saturday, 20 December.

Christmas 2008 at Middlesbrough Town Hall is going to be the best yet so make sure you choose one of their party nights for a night to remember.

For more information or to request a Christmas brochure and booking form contact the Box Office on 01642 729 729 ■



New 'friends' scheme for mima

mima, Middlesbrough's flagship gallery is pleased to announce the launch of 'mima friends' this autumn.



'mima friends' will bring together people who enjoy modern and contemporary art and craft to support and raise money for the gallery.

Funds raised through annual membership fees, fundraising initiatives and events, will go towards a range of causes such as buying new artworks for the gallery's important, growing collection, supporting exhibitions or restoring artworks. The scheme hopes to attract people from all walks of life who enjoy art and culture.

The project has strong historic roots as a similar scheme was embarked upon in Middlesbrough more than 50 years ago. When the 'Friends of the Middlesbrough Art Gallery', formed in 1953, they were well ahead of their time, even talking of 'a properly designed building in the distant future'. mima friends would be delighted to hear from anyone who was involved or has a connection to the scheme!

David Willshaw, Chair of 'mima friends' said, "We want the membership to be as wide as possible and our message is one of accessibility and friendship. We believe that people will really benefit from being part of this. Special events at the gallery, and opportunities to meet artists and curators will all help you get closer to the art, while giving your support to this fantastic gallery on our doorstep."

Godfrey Worsdale, mima Director said, "The launch of 'mima friends' comes at a great time for the gallery, and is another big achievement for a young gallery. We are extremely excited about what this means for the future of mima."

'mima friends' is officially launching on Thursday 30 October 2008. For more information contact mima reception on 01642 726 720 ■

Designers Marketplace comes to town

Middlesbrough's Town Hall Crypt will see the arrival of the Designers Marketplace on November 15th.



This will be the first event of its type in the area and will showcase some of the best creative talent in the region.

Through a series of 'mini-boutique' stalls, regional artists and designers will have the opportunity to sell their products directly to the public. On sale will be a diverse collection of high quality contemporary items from fashion garments and accessories to experimental art, textiles, ceramics, photography, jewellery, vintage and interior products. Most pieces will be bespoke items designed or made by stall holders. With something for everyone, the market is an opportunity to purchase something different or find the perfect Christmas present.

The event itself will be a shoppers and seller's paradise and will feature on alternative DJ and food stalls throughout the day.

The first hour of the event will act as a trade show where vendors, press, local businesses and creative organisations are offered the opportunity to network, view the fully stocked showcase of talent and discuss ideas with like-minded people.

For further information about the market or if you are a designer or artist interested in reserving a stall then visit: www.designersmarketplace.org.uk

Please note that there are no card payment facilities on purchased items. An adult must accompany children under the age of 12 ■

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Retirement - Are You Ready?

Hardly a week goes by without some form of story or newspaper article about the need to provide for retirement. In this article, we asked Ian Kelly, Client Partner of Vantis, one of the uk's fastest growing, entrepreneurial business advisory, tax and accountancy group's to advise on the various aspects of the retirement planning process.

Many people seem resigned to working beyond traditional retirement age - for some this will be voluntary but for others, an economic necessity and in today's economic climate a retirement plan is no bad idea.

The equalisation of the state pension age at 65 will take effect in 2020, meaning that the state pension age for women will gradually increase from 2010 and will affect women born after April 6 1950. This will be followed from 2024 by an increase in the state pension age of men and women over the following two decades.

When contemplating retirement, it is important to remember that tax liability continues on earnings, benefits in kind, pension income, rental income, investment income and some State Benefits. By way of some consolation, National Insurance Contributions (NIC) cease upon attaining retirement age.

Increased personal tax allowances are available to those aged over 65, and for married couples, where one spouse was born before April 6 1935, but these are subject to an income limit. It is possible to defer claiming the State Retirement Pension and this can produce an increased weekly rate of pension when claimed or a one-off lump sum. You can obtain a forecast from the National Insurance Contributions Office at Longbenton which details, based on one's NIC record, the pension payable at today's rates;

highlights any shortfall in the contribution record and shows the effect on the pension if that shortfall is paid.

The PAYE system is designed to ensure that the correct income tax is paid however, this is not always the case. Where there are multiple pension sources, there could well be several tax districts involved and the incorrect structuring of codings can result in underpayments or overpayments of tax arising, which may not be detected for some time.

When retiring from business, an exit strategy needs to be put in place, to include whether to wind up the business, sell it or implement a succession process.

The sale of the business can have implications across a number of taxes, but the most important are Inheritance Tax (IHT) and Capital Gains Tax (CGT). There are various IHT and CGT reliefs available to sole traders, partnerships and non-quoted trading companies. It has been estimated that 80% of estates where IHT is ultimately paid could have reduced or abolished that liability if planning steps had been taken and exemptions used.

When considering the sale of a business, Income Tax and CGT aspects do need to be considered to ensure that the proceeds from a sale are taxed in the most efficient manner.

In so far as pension planning is concerned, "A Day" on April 6 2006 saw the introduction of a new, simplified pension regime bringing about many changes, including the introduction of a lifetime allowance; an annual allowance and

unlimited employer contributions, but also a tax levy where funds exceed the new lifetime allowance. An annual pension review needs to include all types of pension held, now more than ever, including individual and occupational arrangements to ensure appropriate planning is implemented with particular attention paid to the transitional arrangements, which bridge the old and new (post "A Day") tax regimes.

The need to keep up to date in the ever changing pension landscape is demonstrated by the forthcoming raising of the minimum age at which pension benefits can generally be taken from 50 to 55 on April 6 2010. If an individual is between those ages on that date it could have a major impact on accessing pension benefits for anything up to five years!

Generally, post "A Day" rules allow much higher levels of tax relievable personal contributions than before, with anything up to 100% of income allowable as a contribution. Employer contributions are unlimited but must meet a "wholly and exclusively for the purposes of the trade" test. The growing use of Self Invested Personal Pensions (SIPPS) allows an investor greater control over where funds are to be invested and also offers a great deal of flexibility and tax planning opportunities when taking benefits.

Clearly, timely and ongoing professional taxation and independent financial advice should be obtained as part of the retirement process.

If you would like more information please contact me on 01642 221331 or email me ■

How much do you know about Middlesbrough?

How many ghosts haunt Middlesbrough? How many lakes does it have? What is Middlesbrough's world-class centre for creative and digital industries called? More than 20 questions on facts like these, some quirky, some truly remarkable are posed in the Middlesbrough Quiz, a brilliantly- animated new on-line brain teaser hosted by none other than the Mayor of Middlesbrough, Ray Mallon.

Originally conceived as a fun way of introducing the new intake of students at the University of Teesside to the town, the Middlesbrough Quiz has been developed into a challenge that will test even the knowledge of the natives of Middlesbrough. Animated by digital artisan, Cora Stone of Ideonic, a company set up by a group of former University of Teesside students, and featuring a cartoon version of the Mayor to act as guide and mentor, it provides an

enormously entertaining and informative tour of some of the features that make Middlesbrough unique.

Visit www.lovemiddlesbrough.com and take the challenge where Ray Mallon will guide you through the multiple-option questions and test your knowledge of the town. Entrants can record their scores on the website and try for one of a number of prizes available to the most successful contestants.

Claire Wordsworth of Middlesbrough Council who is co-ordinating the [lovemiddlesbrough](http://www.lovemiddlesbrough.com) campaign. She said "some of the facts that emerged when we were researching the quiz were eye-openers for us and we believe we can guarantee that even people who think they know Middlesbrough inside out will be surprised at some of the answers."

Picture shows from left to right: Steve Cochran Managing Director Psyche, Claire Wordsworth, Middlesbrough Council, Cora Stone, Digital Artisan Ideonic and Mark White of the Vice Chancellors Office, University of Teesside ■





Linthorpe Central poised to become key Middlesbrough Quarter

Work is soon to commence on a major project to transform a key quarter in central Middlesbrough into a cultural, business and education hub.

A draft Improvement Strategy has proposals to revitalise the Linthorpe Road area of the town to create a vibrant and attractive environment for 21st Century shopping, learning and leisure.

The area, known as Linthorpe Central, is already home to a buzzing mix of designer shops and businesses, thriving bars and eateries and, of course, the University of Teesside.

Over the next three years, the Council will invest £700,000 in the key development sites around Linthorpe Road and improve access, both for pedestrians and vehicles. This will be complemented by further investment by the University. It is also anticipated that One NorthEast will also become a partner in the programme bringing further resources.

Key areas include:

- Redevelopment of key sites and buildings
- Improvement of and investment in shop frontages

- Public realm and open spaces
- Improved parking provision
- Improved routes into the University campus
- Support for local businesses

Planning consent is already in place for the redevelopment of the former KwikSave building, with further plans in the pipeline to extend and develop the University campus, strengthening its links with the town centre as a whole.

A wide-ranging consultation process will shortly get underway to map out the longer-term future of the area, with a detailed investment strategy expected to be drawn up next year.

Councillor David Budd, Middlesbrough Council's Executive Member for Regeneration and Economic Development, said: "Linthorpe Road is a very important quarter in the town and we will make sure its healthy mix of high-

quality designer clothing shops and other businesses, cafes and restaurants continue to thrive alongside the neighbouring University of Teesside.

"It's already a lively, happening place to be, and the success of stores like Psyche and Triads have shown that it's definitely an area on the up.

"That's a trend we will continue to drive forward, attracting more of those high-end businesses that are already helping to transform our town centre.

"This is the opportunity to take Linthorpe Central – and Middlesbrough as a whole – on to the next level, creating a thriving, high-quality environment that will become a destination in its own right."

Further information on the proposals can be viewed online by visiting www.middlesbrough.gov.uk

Save money on Construction Projects



Find out how to save money on construction projects by attending a Tees Valley Green Business Network event on construction waste on October 23 2008, being held at Teesside University.

Construction and demolition waste is the single largest UK waste stream, and includes over 20% of all hazardous waste and 20% of fly-tipped waste. It can account for up to 5% of a project's value, with the construction industry also paying an estimated £200 million per year in landfill tax, which will rise with further tax increases.

Around 25 million tonnes of construction waste are sent per annum to landfill in England – and there is a national target to halve this by 2012. This puts construction waste high on the national waste management agenda.

This event is aimed at helping local businesses make cost savings and manage construction waste better. The half day, morning event will cover:

- Scale of the problem - waste quantities / the cost benefits of better management
- Site Waste Management Plans
- Facilities available for construction waste recovery/recycling
- Use of recovered construction waste (e.g. secondary materials)
- Case studies to illustrate good practices in the management of construction waste

To register your interest in attending use the "Contact Us" facility at www.greenteesvalley.org/contact.php

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Alive after 5 in Middlesbrough bringing town centre to life

Middlesbrough town centre's 'Alive after 5' programme of Thursday evening entertainment is set to light up the town in the run-up to Christmas.

With shops open till 8pm, free parking from 4pm and late night opening at mima and the Central Library, there are now more reasons than ever to visit Middlesbrough on Thursday evenings.

Spectacular attractions have already included giant animated insects parading through Centre Square, and there's plenty more in the pipeline. Councillor David Budd, executive member for regeneration and economic development said: "While everyone will be feeling the effects of the current credit crunch, I'm pleased to see that our town centre is still vibrant and busy. "Even if people just come into town to window shop they can soak up a great atmosphere and enjoy some terrific free entertainment that's guaranteed to lift their spirits."

Alive After 5 will run until Christmas and a host of artists will be around to entertain shoppers and visitors to the town centre every Thursday evening. Musicians providing entertainment in run up Christmas include Skavalution – the UK's only all-acoustic ska band - who feature sax, trombone, banjo, accordion, tuba, drums and megaphones in their line-up. Middlesbrough favourites Abingdon School Steel Band will also be playing and jazz dance legends Bassa Bassa will be wowing shoppers with their musical mayhem.

For something completely different on Thursday, November 6 an all-action comedy thriller will be performed by two sharply dressed guys who will present six mysterious cases at break-neck speed.

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