

# Vic's big game



## Comedian launches big-screen computer challenge at Odeon



■ HELLO HUDDERSFIELD: Vic Reeves launches Big Screen Games at The Odeon, Huddersfield PW160707Dreeves-74 & 14.jpg

## Invitation to safety meeting

THE next meeting of the Holme Valley South Area Committee will have community safety as its theme.

Area committee chairman Clr Nigel Patrick, said: "Community Safety is the over-arching theme for our first public meeting of this municipal year.

"Come and meet the area committee members as well as some of the police and community safety officers working in your area."

He added: "This is your opportunity to raise issues and discuss possible ways forward. We look forward to meeting you on the night."

Attending the meeting will be the neighbourhood policing team and Insp Truman who has been newly appointed to the area; plus Helen Simpson, Community Safety Officer who has also been newly appointed to the Valleys area. Also in attendance will be Bill Swap from the Kirklees Anti-Social Behaviour Unit and Mark Wall from the Crime Reduction Office.

The meeting will be at 7pm on July 24 at The Methodist Church, School Lane, Holmfirth.

**CINEMA-GOERS** flocked to Huddersfield Odeon last night to catch TV comic Vic Reeves as he opened a brand new cinema computer games system.

The star of hit shows such as Shooting Stars and Catterick hosted the world premier of Big Screen Games at the Galpharm cinema complex big screen.

Contestants picked up touch-screen handsets to compete in games of skill, chance and memory for cash prizes starring the legendary comedian.

Vic - real name Jim Moir - is no stranger to Huddersfield, having visited relatives here in his childhood.

He said: "Last time I was here was to see my auntie as a kid. I love the fabulous Yorkshire brickwork and the history.

"I've done quiz shows and I've been on them. I do like my quizzes. I'm the quiz wizard!"

"My 10-year-old is a history genius. I think he would do pretty well tonight."

The game system is designed by Jon Snoddy of Big Deal Games, whose CV includes work at George Lucas' Lucasfilm and Steven Spielberg's Dreamworks.

The games, which have taken almost four years to design, will be introduced to the USA and the rest of the UK shortly.

So why was Huddersfield chosen for the premier?

Jon said: "We could have picked London or somewhere else but we talked to Odeon and they thought Huddersfield was a good representative town.

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time it's exciting to see the audience's response. People laughed and cheered in the right places. It feels live and people respond to each other and high five.

"Vic was such a pro. He can really hit the mark and say his lines on cue. It's great to have a star like Vic. He was exactly what we wanted. He brings something exciting and fresh."

Vic Reeves grew up in Darlington. After stints as a pig farmer and factory inspector, he moved to London.

As well as performing in bands, he also joined the alternative comedy circuit.

The name Vic Reeves reportedly came from his favourite singers Vic Damone and Jim Reeves.

Vic Reeves' Big Night Out began life as a regular Thursday night gig at Goldsmith's Tavern.

There he met Bob Mortimer, who soon joined the show, and his growing TV profile led to the Big Night Out getting a slot on the small screen.

A small cult following soon became a phenomenon, and cries of 'You wouldn't let it lie!' were heard across the nation.

From then on Reeves and Mortimer have gone on to release hit singles ('Dizzy', 'I'm A Believer'), redefine the sketch show (The Smell Of Reeves And Mortimer), and turn the game show format on its head (Shooting Stars) with their surreal take on the world.

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