

## Emo Self Harm to Goth Wannabe ... Alternative Living Might Be Good For Your Health

With new legislation pushed through by the government to ensure school children are getting healthier, all students are required to undergo a physical evaluation session every six months. The aim of this is primarily to collect data, but also to identify health issues and offer advice to try and tackle issues such as obesity and eating disorders before adulthood. Overall the scheme has been met with support from parents and the evaluations have been designed specifically to not single students out and make them feel uncomfortable.

As the results came in it was not surprising to find that more males are overweight and had a higher

usage of alcohol whilst girls had higher rates of eating disorders and nicotine addiction. The surprise result occurred when social culture was compared against over all health. It seemed that those children who belonged to the Emo or Goth movement predominantly had better health than other children their same age. So far no one seems able to explain how sitting around The Green all day leads to healthier children than those who regularly play team sports, but that does indeed appear to be the case. So far from being anorexic self harmers, it seems that alternative life styles may well be more effective than the gym for improving your wellbeing.



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## Theft from Newcastle Museum of Antiquities

Despite the breakthrough the University had last month in excavating the Minerva site, it seems its poor luck has once again set in. Not only was the on site museum broken into, but the entire Minerva site finds were stolen. To add insult to injury, due to a cost cutting exercise the finds had not yet been fully investigated and catalogued. It now seems likely that the truth of the Hadrian's Wall site will never be fully known and the University will have some hard questions to answer.

Both local police and the university security staff are baffled as to how the theft actually took place. There was no sign of forced entry but the security cameras clearly show two men casually walking in, taking the items and leaving in a similarly casual manor. The current working theory is that they simply picked the locks, performed the crime and locked up behind

themselves. It is clear that they were only interested in the Minerva finds and did not disturb any other exhibit whilst removing the items. Unfortunately the images captured are not of a sufficient quality to allow the police to identify the thieves and so far no physical evidence has been found at the scene of the crime. This was a professional job and it is starting to look unlikely that the perpetrators will never be caught and the items stolen will never be retrieved.

So far nothing else has been uncovered at the excavation site, and whilst the murals are interesting they do not provide anything more than conjectural evidence. So despite all the ups and downs of this excavation it seems to be coming to a rather gloomy end. What knock on effect this will have on future excavations in the area is still to be seen, but this is certainly a black day for archaeology in the north east.

## Wild Hunt

Spearheaded by the local drinking establishment, Bar None, October started with the opening of the Wild Hunt drinks promotions across Newcastle. Combining with the start of the darker evenings and the return of the student population, this could well be a real earner for those pubs and clubs involved. However, the police have issued their usual statement on rising alcohol figures and the importance of sensible

drinking. Of course most people are simply chalking this up to them being a bunch of kill joys! Despite the monotonous nature of the opposition there is no denying that several people will end up on the wrong end of alcohol poisoning this month. But as long as they do not make their problems everyone else's, this should be a good time to hit the town. So, see you all in the pub!

## Sultry Songstress Returns

Since the success of her first album, No Sleep till School Starts, Jenny McRea has all but disappeared from the public eye as she has thrown herself into writing the difficult second album. But now she has emerged, to the great delight of her fans, with the finished product due for release next month. Despite rumours that she was possibly breaking up with her manager, Pete Yorke was present at the recent press release where the new album, 'Nothing but Right Now', was announced.

In a recent interview Jenny gave us an insight into how her music has matured over the last twelve months. She said, "Unlike the first album where I focused on the melodies almost exclusively, this time I have put more effort into the rhythm and instrument composition. I am still using my distinctive singing style; it is just now backed up by a much more solid sound." The full interview can be read on Thursday's issue.

## If You Go Down To The Woods Today ... Your Sure Of A BIG Surprise

In the middle of last month it was not the Teddy Bears that were gathering in Chopwell Woods but the Furies! These are a group of people who like to dress up as cartoon animals and congregate for like minded socialisation. So amongst the trees dog walkers were surprised to see six foot racoons and cats in dungarees,

rather than the usual wildlife. The event was slightly marred by the police being called in to deal with a rather public display of what they call 'yiffing', but other than that it was a great success. With this set to be a regular event, you can expect much more Furry activity in the area.

## Big Brother IS Watching

It seems that the recent growth of the CCTV network in Newcastle, and now expanding into Sunderland, has been a worth while effort. The police this month released a report showing that the number of arrests made possible due to camera footage is up 63% on the figures for last

year. Supporting this, the number of court cases settled due to surveillance evidence has risen by almost 80%. Whilst many people still object to being constantly watched there can now be no argument that it does indeed make the city a safer place to live and work.

