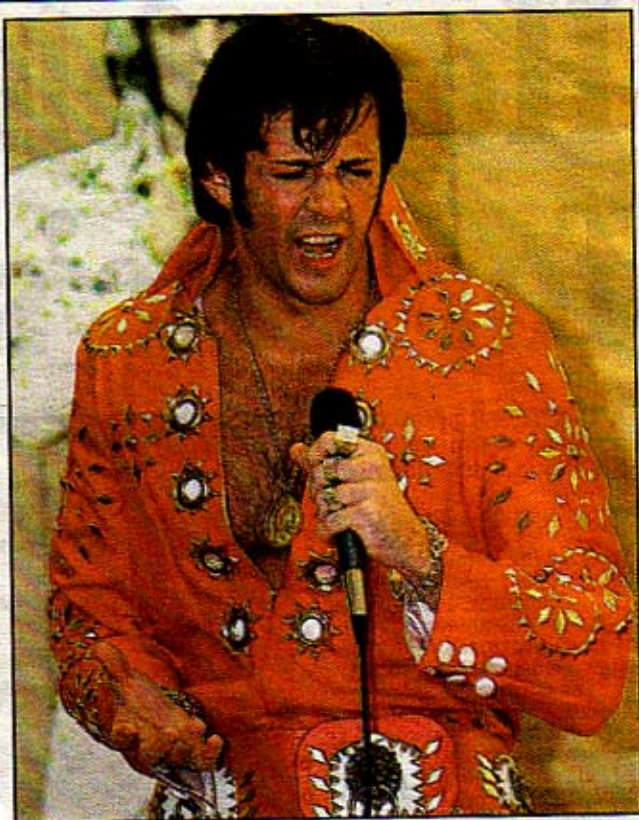


# Eccles warm up for Elvis tribute



SALFORD'S Elvis tribute Kirk Turner will perform in Eccles to prepare for a competition in Blackpool this summer

SALFORD'S answer to Elvis will be preparing to perform against Kings from across Europe when he warms up his vocal chords at a Bank Holiday show in Eccles.

Kirk 'Love Me' Turner will be travelling to Blackpool next month to take part in the European heat of the world Ultimate Elvis contest at Norbreck Castle.

The Walk A Golden Mile In My Shoes event will see more than 100 Elvis tribute artists battle it out to compete at Elvis Week in Memphis in August - the 30th anniversary of The King's death.

But before he takes his talents to the seaside resort he will be performing his Journey To Graceland show closer to

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home at the Taylor Brothers Sports and Social Club, in Barton Lane, Eccles, on Sunday, May 27.

Kirk, 28, who lives with his parents Christine and Barry in Claremont, said: "Since January I have gone professional, singing at various venues every week preparing myself for my big chance to shine in the '68 Comeback Special category in Blackpool.

"My goal is to reach the final this year and send a message out to all the other top class Elvis tribute artists in Europe and show them how I have come on."

The former Hope High School pupil,

who works as a sales support co-ordinator for Bupa and has had TV extra parts in soaps including Hollyoaks and Emmerdale, added: "Taylor Brothers is a fantastic venue and many great entertainers have performed there over the years.

"I have performed there many of times at private parties for friends and family, but this Bank Holiday will be different to any other show I have ever put on.

"My Journey To Graceland show tells the story in a musical fashion of what the King Elvis Aaron Presley achieved in the time the Earth was graced with his ambience."

For tickets, costing £3 each, contact Trish on: 0161 789 3016. Doors open at 7pm.