

Something for the Weekend

BY CHRIS SWEENEY

MOTHERWELL boys The Banter Thiefs are quids in with Norwegian Premier League team Aalesunds FK.

The Scandinavian side are flying the lads out to rock their season-opening party in March.

The hook-up came after Motherwell were drawn against the team in the 2010 Europa League.

Bass player Derek Watson said: "Before that game we made friends with a few guys in the pub who were over following their team."

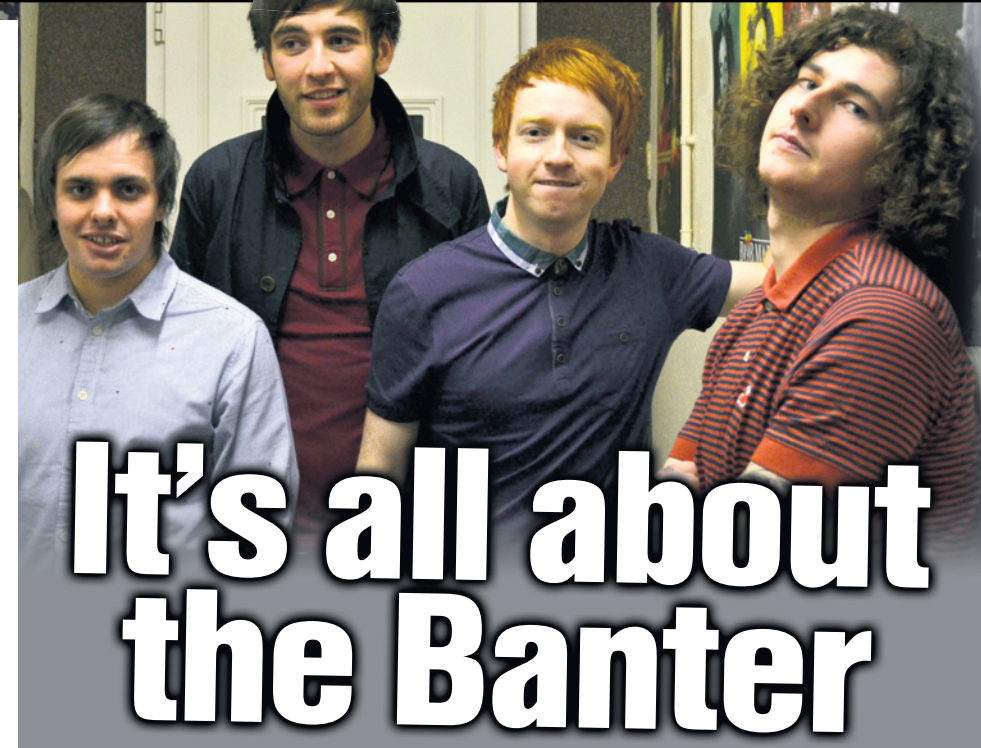
"They've been over here a few times since and we've been over twice, but we've never done a gig."

"Due to the internet and word spreading, the fans over there are playing our songs on Spotify."

"Now the club has agreed to pay our flights and accommodation to play their start of the season party."

"There will be a few thousand fans – so we're hoping it takes off and can do more gigs over there."

The Norwegian trip is part of the band's 2013 plan. They're well known



It's all about the Banter

in Motherwell but want to grow across Scotland.

Derek, 23, said: "We need to focus on expanding and getting more fans all over the country. When you see people from your

local area singing along, it's rewarding."

The lads hit the headlines earlier this week as Motherwell boss Stuart McCall appears in the video for their new single

Swings and Roundabouts – released on February 11.

And they're following that up by playing with The View at Paisley's UWS Union on February 16. Derek said: "Part of our

act is interacting with the crowd. We want people to come along, have some banter and go away thinking that was a great night."

● Hear the band at: www.facebook.com/thebanterthiefs

ONE2SEE

DUBLIN boys Hudson Taylor started off busking back home. The brothers — Alfie and Harry — did the business with recent debut EP Battles. They're joining Jake Bugg on tour — at Edinburgh's HMV Picturehouse on February 7 and the following night at the O2 Academy in Glasgow. Check out: hudsontaylormusic.com

ONE2HEAR

ROCK chicks Deap Vally are the real deal. They're music is both brooding and menacing. And new single Lies is exactly that — sensational stuff.

The ladies are also over here from LA on tour and hit King Tut's in Glasgow on February 4. Watch the single's video now at: deapvally.com

NEW MUSIC

By JIM GELLATLY

MODEL JET PILOT

WHO: Ross Hamilton (vocals/guitar), Michael Bannister (keyboards/samples/vocals), Gordon Turner (guitar/vocals), Scott Clark (bass/vocals), Stuart Spence (drums).

WHERE: Glasgow.

FOR FANS OF: Killers, Bowie, Simple Minds.

JIM SAYS: Glasgow multi-instrumentalist and producer Ross Hamilton may not be a household name but he has a great pedigree.

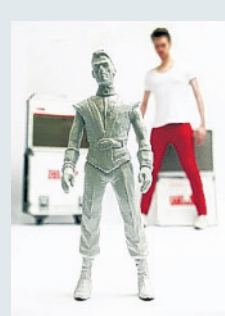
Playing guitar with Texas over the past couple of years, he's also recorded and toured with Mark Lanegan and Isobel Campbell.

Other credits include playing on Newton Faulkner's 2007 multi-platinum debut album Hand Built By Robots.

Running Rocket Science Studios with Michael Bannister he's involved in the development of many emerging acts. Coming out with his own project Model Jet Pilot, he's released glorious album Welcome To The Future.

Packed full of catchy pop songs, it seems incredible he's not had a higher profile.

Songs like lead single Boy In A Bubble and Mr Spaceman conjure up the space-age world of B-movies, but in colour.



Ross said: "I was helped initially by close friend and superb drummer Ross McFarlane."

"He knew I was making the album in my parents' house and before we had Rocket Science, we would go into CaVa Sound studios for four hours and get as much done as possible."

"Michael then joined in with the record and I decided it would be best to include him in production duties and get his keys/programming skills on there too."

"When the album moved out of my folks' house and into our studio we were able to start including guys like Gordon and Stuart who were rehearsing the music for live shows."

"My girlfriend Fiona Johnson is a violinist and she tracked up some killer strings on a few tracks."

More: modeljetpilot.bandcamp.com

● Jim will be playing Model Jet Pilot on In: Demand Uncut this Sunday from 7pm on Clyde 1, Forth One, Northsound 1, Radio Borders, Tay FM, West FM and West Sound. indemandscotland.co.uk

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RUMBLE STRIP

ON the big screen, The Avengers was a relative success.

It generally scored favourable reviews and took enough money at the box office to satisfy its makers.

It wasn't the film of the year. Middle of the road, not bad, so so. Which is also a pretty apt description of the latest Avengers video game.

Originally released on Xbox Kinect before Christmas, Battle For Earth was bogged down, as is becoming common with the movement control system.

That's something that, thankfully, has been addressed on the Wii U. You're using a controller here – simple.

Though, while one player can mash buttons on the GamePad, a second participant will have to use the nunchuck.

Thus producing a whole new multi-player dilemma. Like the

Marvel Avengers: Battle For Earth **3**

Wii U, £39.99

Kinect, this control issue isn't exclusive to the title – it's a console-wide problem.

As long as you're playing solo, the gameplay itself is relatively good fun.

Like the film, you can blaze through it in something of a half-conscious daydream.

In the cinema, there were only so many times you can laugh at Robert Downey Jr's samey quips. Similarly, in the game, there are only so many samey battles you can plough through. But that's not to say that either is all bad.

Battle For Earth is good, old-fashioned, fighting fun. With not a lot else on the market at the moment, and with the Wii U still finding its feet, this could well be a welcome relief from your Christmas games.

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The winner will also receive two tickets to the show. That's not all. We are also giving five lucky runners-up the chance to win a pair of tickets.

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