

# Something for

# the Weekend

## NewMusic

By JIM GELLATLY

### HELLO FUTURE

**WHO:** Liam McGowan (vocals/guitar), Ross Findlay (guitar/vocals), Stuart 'Harry' Harrison (bass), Hamish Ferguson (drums).

**WHERE:** Dundee.

**FOR FANS OF:** Weezer, Jimmy Eat World, Biffy Clyro.

**JIM SAYS:** I've been following these guys for a while, having introduced them on stage at an event in Dundee last year.

They were then known as Phantom Brake Pedal. After a line-up reshuffle they re-emerged a couple of months ago as Hello Future.

They know there is a lot of graft ahead. Liam said: "We are all in our twenties so remember bands like Biffy Clyro playing to like 100 people in the Reading Rooms in Dundee, and seeing Frank Turner when he was in Million Dead."

"Seeing what these guys have achieved is a massive inspiration to us. Hard work is a common denominator. With hard work, a solid fan base and incredible songs you can really achieve so much."

Hello Future released their debut single Do You Feel Alive at the end of October. A gloriously catchy slice of indie rock, it's a perfect introduction to the band. Liam said: "We are finally happy with the sound we



## BRIGHT FUTURE FOR LIAM AND THE GANG

have and Do You Feel Alive is a great representation of that.

"The song's about reaching a crossroad, letting go of the past and moving forward."

The single is out through Saraseto Records, who've previously put out releases from Copper Lungs, Miniature Dinosaurs and We Came From Wolves.

Liam said: "We got in touch with Andrew Dyce from Saraseto on Facebook and sent him the track. He's worked with some cool bands, so we were keen to see if

he liked our song and he loved it. We met up in Dundee for a few beers and he was just such a genuine guy."

"We were delighted he wanted to help us."

"We have also just completed our first Scottish tour, which was really cool and a great laugh. We organised the tour ourselves with help from Saraseto."

"It was cool to see it all come together and we got a great response from the crowds."

Hello Future play Hootananny in Inverness on November 28 and Y-Not Bar in Thurso the next night. **MORE:** facebook.com/hellofutureuk



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# Tam Cowan's



**IN my recent review of the excellent Nakodar Grill in Glasgow's East End, I said Dennistoun is now regarded by many as the new West End.**

Well, I think that was confirmed the minute I clocked the menu at Coia's Cafe on Duke Street.

A prawn cocktail was £7.95, it was £10.45 for a starter of bang bang shrimp... and what about £15.95 for a seafood pasta?

Sixteen quid? Not so long ago, you could have bought a house in Dennistoun for that sort of dosh.

Surely the prices are a bit naughty for (a) the location and (b) the fact it's a cafe?

To be honest, established in 1928 and now looked after by Alfredo and Antonia (the third generation of the family to run the business), Coia's is a lot more than just a local cafe.

It's now a full-blown Italian restaurant and deli – not to mention a Glasgow institution – and the fact it was absolutely mobbed on the dreich Wednesday night we visited suggests the food is worth every penny.

Yep, I reckon there was less of a crowd down the road at Parkhead that night for the Celtic v Partick Thistle League Cup tie. And I'm convinced there was a better atmosphere at Coia's.

### Full selection of 'chippy' favourites

As Celtic legend Paul McStay would have put it: There's a buzz about the place. It actually reminded me of an Italian restaurant in Brooklyn the last time I visited New York and the warm greeting from the enthusiastic staff was like being welcomed into the Coia family home.

Our spacious booth was very nice. Even nicer a good 30 minutes later when they cleared away the cleaning materials stacked up right behind my pal Lesley's head (skooshy sprays for the tables and one of those industrial-sized kitchen rolls that looks like Kim Kardashian's toilet paper).

I don't imagine Lesley felt comfortable with all those chemicals so close to her lovely, ahem, natural blonde hair...

She did, however, enjoy some other chemicals in the shape of a large glass – or three – of Pinot Grigio (one quick, well-rehearsed glower in the direction of hubby Graham confirmed he was the designated driver for the trip home).

The wine and a three-course feast for four of us cost £150 – and, despite the fact my initial glance at the menu was like reading a Stephen King novel, just under 40 quid a head for this standard of food and drink is pretty decent value.

And it seemed even better, I suppose, as we were cashing in a £100 Coia's Cafe voucher my wife won at a fund-raising event for the Beatson Cancer Charity in Glasgow.

Anyway, we all won a watch at Coia's. The packed menu – allow a good 15 minutes for a proper study – includes classic Scottish dishes like homemade steak pie and mince 'n' tatties, plus a full selection of "chippy" favourites courtesy of the takeaway next door.

And, for the loyal OAP customers who've been visiting Coia's for years, I hear they even do alphabet spaghetti in large print.

After sharing a light, fluffy focaccia, I started with a half portion of penne sal-siccia which, according to my scribbled



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