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Lovely Bubbly will be at Stand 136 at the UK Wedding Show at the Metro Radio Arena, Newcastle, from today until Sunday.

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Well done to R Westhead, Roy Wearing, Amanda Brown, Anne Simmister and Sue Wilson who have won a pair of tickets to see Frozen at Tyneside Cinema tonight. Hope you enjoy it. Don't forget! For details of all current offers please visit www.thejournalcultureclub.co.uk/offers. If you are still waiting for your membership card in the post then don't worry, you can still take advantage of any of these offers on this page. Simply state this on your entry and we'll check your details.

The Rivals 2for1 tickets

THE Theatre Royal Newcastle is proud to present Stephanie Cole and Edward Hardwicke in Richard Brinsley Sheridan's classic play, *The Rivals*, which is due to run for a week.

Set in Bath during the course of one day in 1775, this delightful period romp introduces Mrs Malaprop, one of the funniest misusers of words in the British theatre and a truly great comic creation.

Even though her niece, Lydia, is "as headstrong as an allegory on the banks of the Nile", Mrs Malaprop is determined to match her with a husband of her own choosing.

But Lydia has a penchant for romantic novels and has fallen in love with poor ensign Beverley.

The good news is that Beverley is actually Captain Jack Absolute, playing below his rank in order to win her heart, much to the bemusement of his father, Sir Anthony. Playing the exuberant Mrs Malaprop will be Stephanie

Cole, one of Britain's favourite actresses.

Her diverse television roles include *Tenko*, *Doc Martin* and *Waiting For God* (for which she won Best Actress in the British Comedy Awards).

On stage she has enjoyed great success in *A Passionate Woman* in the West End and the tour of *So Long Life*.

Sir Anthony will be played by Edward Hardwicke, famed for his illustrious TV and film career spanning more than 50 years.

TV roles include *The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes*, *The Alchemists* and *David Copperfield*.

Film credits include *Parting Shots*, *Love Actually* and Roman Polanski's recent adaptation of *Oliver Twist*.

The Rivals is directed by award-winning director

Christopher Morahan. *The Rivals* is due to be performed at the Theatre Royal in Newcastle from Monday 6 – Saturday, February 11.

Tickets are priced £5 to £20 and can be bought from the Theatre Royal Booking Office on 0870 905 5060 or you can buy them online at www.theatreroyal.co.uk

Culture Club members can claim two tickets for the price of one for the performance on Monday, February 6. The offer applies for seats in the stalls only.

Tickets can be bought by calling 0870 905 5060 and quoting "Rivals Culture Club Offer". Subject to availability.



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Invitation to exclusive Vic Reeves preview

LEADING Northern art dealers Opus welcome comedian and artist Vic Reeves as he exhibits a selection of his paintings and drawings at their Shakespeare Street gallery.

The show marks the national release of Reeves's latest prints.

The fact that he will be at the launch is something of a coup for Opus.

As fans of Vic Reeves – real name Jim Moir – might expect, his art mixes the surreal and the mundane in a seriously amusing way.

Ram-raiding disparate sources of iconography – from celebrities to wildlife and explosives – Reeves's works are held together by their stylistic tact and control. *Birds of the UK* and *Other Stuff* is a

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collection of 12 lithographs by the artist and comic, taken from a recent body of work that focuses on real and fictional birds, some of which appear in amusing, fabricated situations with celebrities.

The new lithographs, published by Eyestorm, are in an edition of 50 signed and numbered by the artist.

Prices start at £295 and are available in the North-East exclusively at Opus in Newcastle.

The show runs from February 10 to March 4.

The Journal Culture Club is offering two lucky Culture Club members –



plus one guest each – the chance to attend the premiere of the Vic Reeves' exhibition, which will be attended by himself.

It will be on February 9 and there will be complimentary drinks and the opportunity to buy any of Vic's work.

This event is by invitation only.

If you would like to attend the premiere, email rachel.suddart@ncjmedia.

co.uk or call (0191) 201-6369 by February 2 with the answer to the question below.

Two lucky members will be selected at random. They and one guest each will be invited to the preview.

Usual Culture Club competition rules apply (available on request) and the editor's decision is final.

Question – What is Vic Reeves's real name?

Opus is at 16, Shakespeare Street, Newcastle.

Gallery opening times are Monday to Saturday 10am – 5.30pm.

Contact Opus on (0191) 260 3399 or see enquiries@opus-art.com