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WELCOME

Gary Cardin
CBD Chairman



It's summer time, which means festival season in Colmore Business District (CBD)! I'm delighted that our successful CBD Food Festival is returning for the second year in July, showcasing the best of the food and drink offering in the business district. Outdoor live music performances will also be taking place in July as part of the Birmingham International Jazz & Blues Festival, which we will be hosting in CBD for the fourth consecutive year. To celebrate the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, we are also holding a community games event in Victoria Square and an outdoor photographic exhibition.

In addition to updates on our activities, this edition also has local business and lifestyle news and features. To get in touch about CBD Digest, please contact our communications co-ordinator, Tahreen Kutub:
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News in Brief

Birmingham ranked as one of the best places to invest in Europe

Birmingham has been recognised as one of the best places for businesses to invest by international locations title, Site Selection.

The magazine's Best to Invest listing, which ranks nations and city regions across the globe according to their appeal to current investors, placed Birmingham fourth in its Western European metros list. The only English city in the top ten, Birmingham ranked above Paris (5), Vienna (7), Berlin (10), Barcelona (10), Rome (12), Amsterdam (13), Zurich (15) and Brussels (17).

Site Selection is an international magazine based in the US and is read by a specialist audience of over 45,000 senior executives and locations experts across the world. The Best to Invest list considers factors including infrastructure, accessibility, business risks, foreign direct investment levels and any new or expanded facilities announced in the area during 2011.

Node Urban Design celebrates opening Birmingham office

Node Urban Design, a property consultancy providing urban design, landscape and heritage services, has opened a second Midlands office, on Colmore Row in Birmingham city centre. The organisation has expanded from its existing East Midlands base to provide greater presence in Birmingham and the West Midlands.

Node provides consultancy advice to public and private sector clients on a range of services, including masterplanning, landscape design and heritage advice. The company currently has six staff members and is looking to expand its capability from the new Colmore Row office.

Top Birmingham business heads put to the test to raise money for charity

The brains of some of the brightest business men and women in Birmingham were put to the test at a charity quiz to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society in spring this year.

Organised by Hays Recruitment Specialists and the ICC Birmingham, the event raised just over £1,500 for the charity, which helps over 86,000 people with dementia every year.

Eleven local businesses including Kennedys Law, Deloitte and Britvic put forward teams to take part in the quiz and showcase their general knowledge skills. Fighting off tough competition, Colmore Business District based Kennedys Law were crowned champions, coming first place with 42 points out of 48.

Major Milestone for Two Snowhill

A 'topping out' ceremony has been held 230ft above the Birmingham skyline to celebrate a major milestone in the construction of office development Two Snowhill.

Two Snowhill, which is located in Colmore Business District, will be the only new office building to be delivered to the market until at least 2015. The 14-storey building will provide more than 300,000 sq ft of Grade A office accommodation, of which 120,000 sq ft is available to let, as well as retail and leisure space.

The rooftop ceremony marked the building reaching its highest point, less than 12 months since work recommenced on site, and drew the project a step closer to its completion in January 2013.

BIRMINGHAM FUTURE COMMISSION

A BIRMINGHAM FUTURE INITIATIVE

Birmingham Future, a membership and networking organisation for the city's young professionals, announced the launch of a new project examining Birmingham's professional services in May this year. Focussing on young professionals, it is seeking to investigate Birmingham's ability in attracting and retaining talented professionals to the city. As Birmingham continues to grow its reputation as a first class European centre of financial and professional services, access to talent is a significant part of the city's ability to attract businesses to locate here.

What are the key elements that will make Birmingham a number one choice for young professionals? How does a young professional community influence the shape of Birmingham city? How do young professionals working in the city wish to see Birmingham evolve? Through the Commission, Birmingham Future will start to look at these questions.

Partnering with the world renowned Warwick Business School, the commissioners represent a range of businesses, community leaders and young professionals. The Future Commission panel will enquire into key factors that affect young professionals' decision to live and work in Birmingham and what can be done to ensure the growth of professional services. It will also look at Birmingham itself, where it is now and where the young professional community would like to see it in the coming years.

Supported by Colmore Business District, The Future Commission will report its findings in the autumn. To find out more about the project, the commissioners and to keep up-to-date with the latest news, visit

www.birminghamfuturecommission.co.uk



Church Street Square completed in early summer

Church Street Square, the public realm enhancement scheme designed and delivered by Colmore Business District (CBD) and Birmingham City Council, has been completed at the start of the summer season.

At the time of going to print, the finishing works to the site were being undertaken, including the installation of a piece of public art, commissioned by the partnership team. Award-winning artist, Wolfgang Buttress, has been chosen for the commission and will be installing a piece called 'Umbra'.

This major public realm enhancement scheme has transformed a previously wide carriageway into a new open space with reduced road width, benches, trees, greenery and enhanced lighting. The space will be significantly more pedestrian friendly, as well as being a pleasant place for people to spend time in.

Buttress has been appointed following a competition that saw artists submit artwork for the new enhanced space in the city's professional quarter. The installation of public art in this location further enhances the area as a significant space of interest for people to use and enjoy in the area.

Public realm champion and CBD board director Mike Best said, "We are delighted that the scheme is now complete and people and businesses in the city can start to enjoy the space. We have worked with Birmingham City Council for more than two years to make sure this is a quality square and we are proud of the new space that we have delivered. The installation of public art by an award-winning artist is a fantastic addition, providing further interest to what we believe will be a well-used space."

Waheed Nazir, director of regeneration at Birmingham City Council said, "The public realm enhancement scheme within the historic and high quality setting of Church Street is a key part of the Big City Plan. Through Big City Plan Initiatives and Colmore Business District funding, it delivers high quality transformation in the heart of the city's business and financial sector; it creates an improved public space and enhances the cultural life of Birmingham."

"Equally important, it strengthens the strategic connection between the City Centre and the Jewellery Quarter, which is fundamental in attracting investment and supporting sustainable growth."

Mike Best said, "We believe this scheme shows the substantial and important improvements CBD can deliver in partnership with Birmingham City Council. We have some exciting plans for other areas of the District that we are currently working on and will hopefully be able to get started on these in the coming months to further invest in streetscene and public realm enhancements."

Church Street Square will be a venue for events during summer 2012. Look out for jazz and blues performances in the space on Monday 9th and Wednesday 11th July (see pages 16-17) and CBD's photography exhibition, *Magnum Sport: Icons and the Everyday*, running from Monday 16th July to Sunday 9th September (see page 21).

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Public realm champion and CBD board director

Colmore Business District welcomes

City Car Club to the area

City Car Club, the UK's largest and most experienced car club has launched new vehicles in Colmore Business District (CBD). The cars are located in bays on Edmund Street and Margaret Street. City Car Club cars can be booked for as little as half an hour or for as long as you like; an hour in a small car costs just £4.75 plus VAT.

City Car Club is an alternative to employees using private miles, taxis, pool cars or traditional hire. Users report an increase in public transport use or sustainable commuting, helping to reduce the number of cars in CBD, reducing rush hour congestion and reducing expensive parking costs. In fact, an independent study by Car Plus shows that every Car Club car takes 20 private cars off the road. Private users also find that they can make huge savings when using City Car Club as opposed to owning and maintaining a rarely used car of their own.

CBD businesses have been offered a fantastic deal to try City Car Clubs to see if their business can save time and money. Businesses within CBD can join on a three month free trial and receive £50 drive time credit on their account if they join City Car Club before the end of September 2012.

CBD businesses that have already tried and used the service say it offers users an alternative and flexible way of travelling and making out of town journeys to meetings or appointments.

For more information or to discuss the CBD offer, contact Brent Stansfield at City Car Club on 07809 194 862 or email brent@citycarclub.co.uk.

www.citycarclub.co.uk

As a business with offices in Birmingham City Centre and a company that uses City Car Club throughout the UK, we are delighted that an expanded car club in Birmingham operated by City Car Club now provides the residential and business communities with a convenient, cost effective and environmentally friendly service which will help reduce emissions, congestion and parking pressure in the city.

Alan Bain – JMP Birmingham

I have been using City Car Club for around 18 months now and it is extremely useful to have on-hand. The booking process is simple and easy to use.

Hannah Wolsey – Urban Coffee Company



Sustainable Travel

Steven Bibb, senior transport planner at project management and engineering consultancy, Royal Haskoning, writes about businesses encouraging sustainable travel and smarter travel choices....

The many benefits of city working with excellent access to shops, bars, restaurants and culture will already be familiar to organisations in Colmore Business District (CBD). A significant benefit of working at the heart of Birmingham’s commercial centre is access to excellent public transport links, including taxis, buses, trams and railway stations at both Snow Hill and New Street.

CBD recognises the benefits of a well-connected, walkable city identifying a number of objectives within its Sustainable Travel Partnership Plan. A unified approach to producing strong Travel Plans for CBD businesses could significantly encourage modal shift and help to achieve these objectives.

A strong Travel Plan offers a package of measures discouraging single-occupancy car use and, wherever possible, discouraging car use altogether in favour of sustainable alternatives.

The difficulty for businesses can be encouraging staff to sacrifice the comfort of their cars in favour of sustainable options; the wide range of alternatives in the CBD area alone may not be enough to encourage the most ardent drivers. However, demonstrating financial benefits for individuals can provide a huge incentive, particularly when considering savings offered by Centro and private operators for Corporate Travel customers.

As Transport Planners at Royal Haskoning, our professional vision promotes smarter travel choices. 90% of our CBD-based staff commute sustainably, giving us a strong position to promote these benefits to clients and business associates, based on real experience.

Whilst sustainable travel alternatives are available, we are sometimes required to drive for work reasons. Our Travel Plan then assists with how car journeys are best considered, such as car sharing or mixed-mode travel. One measure we’ve implemented is the introduction

of a nominal parking charge to manage our small car park and discourage driving, the proceeds from which offset overheads as well as funding employee social events.

The range of sustainable options is increasing, shifting emphasis away from private car ownership. The City Car Club has expanded across Birmingham and is well represented in the CBD area, with designated facilities on Margaret Street and Edmund Street providing 24/7 self-service access to cars for meetings, site visits or client appointments.

Increasingly emphasis is growing upon sustainable travel, as is the need for businesses to develop Travel Plans. Royal Haskoning believes there is a real opportunity for CBD businesses to unite with each other by connecting their Travel Plans and is happy to share their experiences within this field.

www.royalhaskoning.co.uk



Greg Lowson

Pinsent Masons

Tahreen Kutub

Greg Lowson is the head of Pinsent Masons' Birmingham office, an international full service law firm and one of the largest in the city. Tahreen Kutub met Greg to talk about recent developments at Pinsent Masons as well as their leading corporate responsibility programme.

Pinsent Masons completed a merger with McGrigors on 1st May 2012. The combined firm, operating under the name of Pinsent Masons LLP, now employs over 2,500 people worldwide, including over 1,500 lawyers. The merger has led to a strong presence in Scotland and Belfast and the firm now has a large gas and oil practice internationally. It is also the only UK firm with a permanent office in Port Stanley in the Falkland Islands!

The Birmingham office has over 400 employees, including 210 lawyers, with the majority of the international firm's support staff based here. The office serves local, national and international clients. It acts for all the Midlands PLCs in the FTSE 100, but also undertakes significant work nationally, including regeneration for various local authorities across the country. Commenting on this mix of work, Greg said, "We are not alone in working locally, nationally and internationally from Birmingham. Many of the other large law and accountancy firms do this, which is a sign of the strength of the professional services sector here."

Over the last five years, Pinsent Masons has established a leading corporate responsibility programme, which has been pioneered by the Birmingham office. The firm has been awarded two Business in the Community awards for this programme. Greg said, "One of our key projects has involved work with St Matthews C of E Primary School. Approximately 99% of the school's intake is from minority ethnic groups and many of the pupils face language barriers. For the past three years,

our staff members have volunteered at the school, visiting once a fortnight to provide one-to-one coaching to improve literacy and numeracy levels. The school has noticed great progress in reading levels, which we're really proud of."

The Corporate Responsibility programme also involved significant legal work on the refurbishment of the Midlands Arts Centre (MAC) from 2008 to 2010. This pro bono work resulted in Pinsent Masons winning the JLR Arts & Business Award in 2010.

Greg joined Pinsent Masons as a partner 21 years ago and has been head of office for the last 10 years. In addition to his day job, Greg is a director of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce and of the MAC, a member of Wesleyan for Lawyers Advisory Board and of the West Midlands Committee for The Prince's Trust. Talking about the city, he said, "Whilst there is further work to be done, it is easy to forget the significant improvements made over the last 20 years or so.

I arrived for interview in Birmingham in 1990 and only two places were recommended for lunch, and even these were not great! We now have three Michelin Star restaurants, numerous other hospitality venues and a transformed retail sector."

www.pinsentmasons.com

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The Dentist in Town



Tahreen Kutub

CBD Communications Co-ordinator

The Dentist in Town is an independent private dental practice in the Minorities in Colmore Business District. Tahreen Kutub talked to principal dentist, Dr Tom Nolan for this edition's CBD Showcase.

What are your main services?

As I am very interested in the high end cosmetic side of dentistry, we do a lot of procedures such as teeth whitening, porcelain veneers, lumineers, crowns and implants. We also specialise in treating snoring in conjunction with the Sleep Clinics at Heartlands Hospital and Spire Parkway Hospital in Solihull. I am a registered local specialist with Solutions 4 Snoring, which offers clinically effective anti-snoring treatments. I've also had training to handle the needs of nervous patients. And of course we provide the full range of general dentistry services such as dentures, extractions, root fillings and so on.

Do you provide anything that is unique to The Dentist in Town?

The Dentist in Town is the only dental practice in Birmingham that is licensed to provide the bespoke Under Armour Performance Enhancing Mouthwear for sports people. It is used by Premier League football teams, including Manchester United and Chelsea as well as the Six Nations rugby teams. Recommended by dentists and professional sports trainers, this mouthguard doesn't just provide protection but also enhances performance. Information on the technology behind this is available on www.bitetech.com. We also supply other ranges of made-to-measure mouthguards.

When and why did you set up The Dentist in Town?

I set up the practice in 2008. Prior to this I had worked for the NHS and private

practices and had come to a point where I wanted to run my own practice. This would give me the flexibility to work towards providing the customer service and experience that I would want as a patient.

Describe the experience that The Dentist in Town provides.

We treat every patient as if they were a personal friend. I employ people that are genuinely interested in the clients and would know small but important details about them, such as how they like to take their coffee. We want to build a sense of community with our patients. I refuse to book treatment appointments of less than half an hour so I can provide quality time for each patient. We also make a point of running on time, as a lot of our clients visit during the working day and have to be back for a specific time.

We regularly ask patients for feedback through questionnaires and ensure that we act on this. We currently have approximately 2,000 clients and 50% of these have been personal referrals from existing clients.

Why did you choose to locate in the Minorities and what are your thoughts on Colmore Business District?

I wanted to be close to the business community in the city centre and the space in the Minorities was a good size. 80% of our clientele work in the city centre and it helps to be located close to them. I think the business improvement district is a good concept and has worked really well for the local area. The co-operation of businesses and investment into the area for mutual benefit is great and there is a growing sense of community as a result of CBD's work.

Do you have any corporate links with the business community?

Yes, in the beginning we offered corporate discounts for a few businesses in Colmore Business District, mainly legal firms. This has been such a success that we have developed a Corporate Discount Rate so that more businesses across the city centre can benefit from our services at very affordable prices. We have also started to build joint marketing and promotional ventures with businesses in the area including other independents, such as At One Day Spa in the Great Western Arcade and Six Eight Kafé.

What are the future plans for the practice?

We are constantly striving to exceed our patient's expectations and want to make sure their experience is always pleasant and comfortable. With ongoing dental training, we stay up to date with the latest developments in dentistry. Following feedback from clients, I'm also looking to introduce Orthodontics to the practice, which is concerned with the prevention and treatment of irregular teeth. I'm really pleased with how the practice has developed to date. I'm proud to say we had a Care Quality Commission inspection at the beginning of the year, which checks whether health and care organisations are meeting government standards, and they didn't find anything they would change!

The Dentist in Town currently has a special offer for Colmore Business District. Visit the Offers section on www.colmorebusinessdistrict.com for further details.

To find out more about The Dentist in Town, visit www.dentistintown.co.uk.

Edward's Trust

Tahreen Kutub

Edward's Trust is a charity that provides support services to bereaved families and children as well as training for parents, school staff and businesses working with bereaved individuals. Tahreen Kutub met with founder, Peter Dent, and director of business development, Jeremy Walker to talk about the Trust's work.

The charity was set up by Peter and Hilary Dent in 1989 following the death of their seven year old son, Edward. At the time, Peter felt there was a lack of facilities in the region for people who had lost a child: "When Edward passed away, no organisation was providing advice on how to deal with the grief and loss of a child. My wife and I also felt we were not strong enough to support our other son, Chris. Our route through the grief was to do something about the lack of services."

Peter and Hilary set up Edward's Trust with two initial aims – to help support families when their child was in hospital and to provide support after the death of a child. The services have since expanded to offer support for bereavement in general, as well as training and consultancy. Based in Edgbaston, Edward's Trust now has 16 employees, including 10 counsellors. The clinical work is specialised, with a dedicated children's team and adults' team. Approximately 500 families are referred every year.

Each programme is bespoke to the family and may involve counselling sessions or retreats and complementary therapies. The retreats involve groups of adults going away with a counsellor to share their experiences with each other. They are also given the opportunity to undertake holistic therapies, which the charity believes is important in helping to ease the physical symptoms of anxiety that can be associated with grief.

Speaking about the charity, Jeremy said: "Edward's Trust is at the end of the 'line'; referrals are made to us when other organisations such as hospitals can't do any

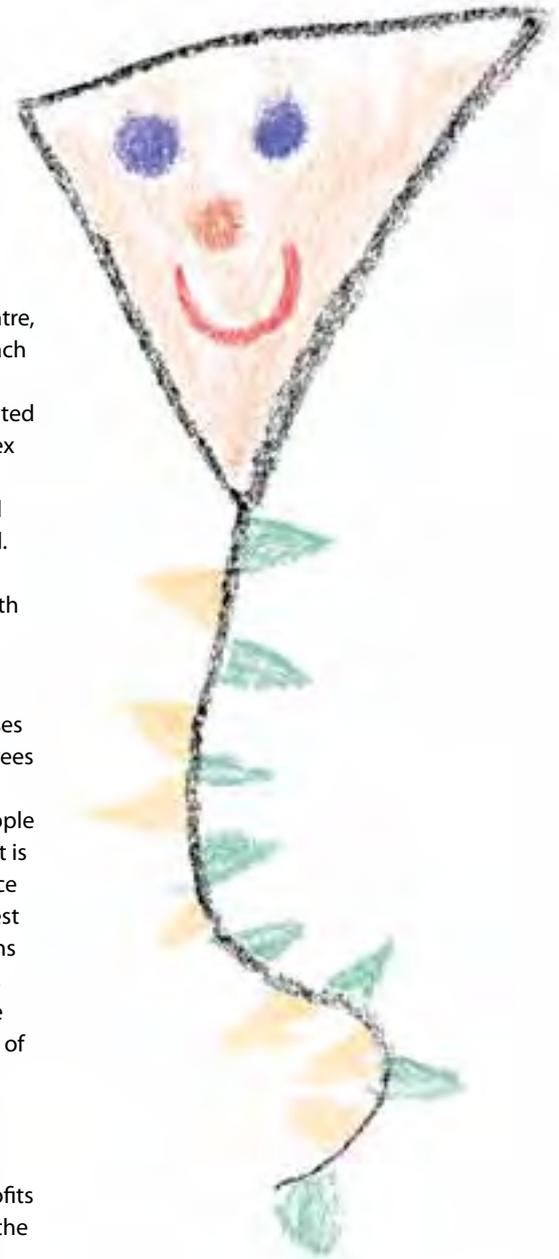
more for the bereaved. Everything the charity does is positive. It focuses on the tools and mechanisms for people to continue with life following bereavement and to achieve their aspirations."

As well as working with families in the centre, Edward's Trust is involved in school outreach work, supporting bereaved children and providing training for staff. Peter commented that the work with children is very complex and a variety of methods such as play therapy, multimedia and artwork are used to help the young articulate how they feel. Often children may be feeling a range of emotions, including guilt, following a death in the family and the Trust has specialist support services to help.

The charity has also worked with businesses to provide training on supporting employees and colleagues suffering bereavement. Jeremy said, "Very often, you find that people don't know what to say to a colleague that is grieving. A lack of support in the workplace can affect morale and productivity. It is best for a company to be prepared for situations of bereavement and our training provides practical strategies for working with those who have suffered or are facing the death of a loved one."

Edward's Trust can provide a full day's training for a company or a delegate day training for a range of companies. Any profits made from the training are put back into the services that the charity provides.

To find out more about Edward's Trust, visit www.edwardstrust.org.uk.



Edward's Trust



Aktor Islam (second from left) receives the BYPY trophy

Lasan director curries favour with BYPY judges



One of Birmingham's leading restaurateurs has won the coveted title of Birmingham Young Professional of the Year (BYPY) 2012.

Aktor Islam, 32, is chef director at Lasan restaurant and Lasan eatery, where he has carved out a reputation as one of the UK's most-exciting young chefs. Winner of BYPY's entrepreneurial category, he has succeeded AECOM's Hilary Allen as overall winner, adding the accolades to an impressive list of awards that includes The F Word and Great British Menu.

The awards seek out the city's most exceptional young professionals across business sectors including communications, entrepreneurial, financial, legal, property & construction and HR, recruitment & training.

Alex Carr, associate director at Lambert Smith Hampton in Colmore Business District, took the Property & Construction title. Kate Onions, associate at Gateley LLP (also in Colmore Business District) won the

Legal category. Michael Shepherd, financial planner with Clay, Rogers and Partners and manager of MDP Financial Services, took the Financial Services crown.

The HR, Recruitment and Training category was won by Emily Ford-Halliday, associate director for design courses at Birmingham Metropolitan College while Amy Kiernan, head of marketing and communications at family-owned company The Sargeant Partnership, won the Communications category.

Over 850 guests attended the glittering awards in May, which were hosted by Sir Ranulph Fiennes and organised by young professionals' networking group Birmingham Future.

Lloyds Banking Group's regional managing director David Richardson was crowned Inspiring Leader in recognition of his dedication to developing the next generation of city talent while Anisa Haghdadi won the inaugural Aspiring Talent

award; a category introduced to recognise inspirational young people who are not yet in the workplace but already making their mark on the city.

Commenting on the results, Rebecca Mawdsley, operations director at eNL Legal Recruitment and outgoing chair of the BYPY committee, said: "We had a fantastic evening and congratulations must go to all our category winners and especially to Aktar Islam, our BYPY 2012.

"Aktor has already achieved a great deal in his career, establishing two successful restaurants while playing a key role building the city's reputation as an international foodie capital. The judges were particularly impressed by his entrepreneurial talent, determination and the contribution his success has already made to the city. We're looking forward to working with him as an ambassador for the city's young business talent over the next 12 months."

www.birminghamyoungprofessional.co.uk



Food Festival

Following a hugely successful event in 2011, the CBD Food Festival is back for a second year and extended to take place over two days from **Friday 13th July to Saturday 14th July, 11am to 7pm, in Victoria Square**. This year, the festival will be launching the Birmingham Food Fest (13th to 19th July).

The CBD Food Festival showcases the excellent food and drink offering in Birmingham's business quarter, Colmore Business District. Over 20 venues, many of whom are independent businesses, will be serving taster options priced from as little as £1.50 to £5 in Birmingham's Victoria Square.

Visitors can sample mouth-watering internationally inspired cuisine as well as traditional British options. The variety of culinary delights will also include cheeses from around the world, delectable dessert options and a range of coffees to try. Real ales, fine wines, champagne and delicious cocktails will also be on offer.

There will be a programme of live cooking demonstrations from top chefs in CBD, including Glynn Purnell (Purnell's), David Colcombe (Opus Restaurant) Sudha Saha (Saffron), Guneet Singh Bindra (Asha's Restaurant) and Ganesh Shrestha (Jojolapa). The quirky Jekyll & Hyde pub will also be presenting an exciting cocktail making demo.

The festival will once again take place with the Birmingham International Jazz & Blues Festival, which will see live music performances hosted by CBD for the fourth consecutive year. Visitors can also look out for fantastic pop up outdoor theatre to be provided by Birmingham Hippodrome as part of its Six Summer Saturdays programme. There will also be star performances from CBD's very own choir, Colmore Chorus, made up of the business community and trained by Birmingham Opera Company (see page 20).

Furthermore, the Birmingham Repertory Theatre and Black Country Touring will be present on Friday to exchange recipes and collect food stories from visitors, ahead of their new autumn production, *Eat!* www.colmorebusinessdistrict.com



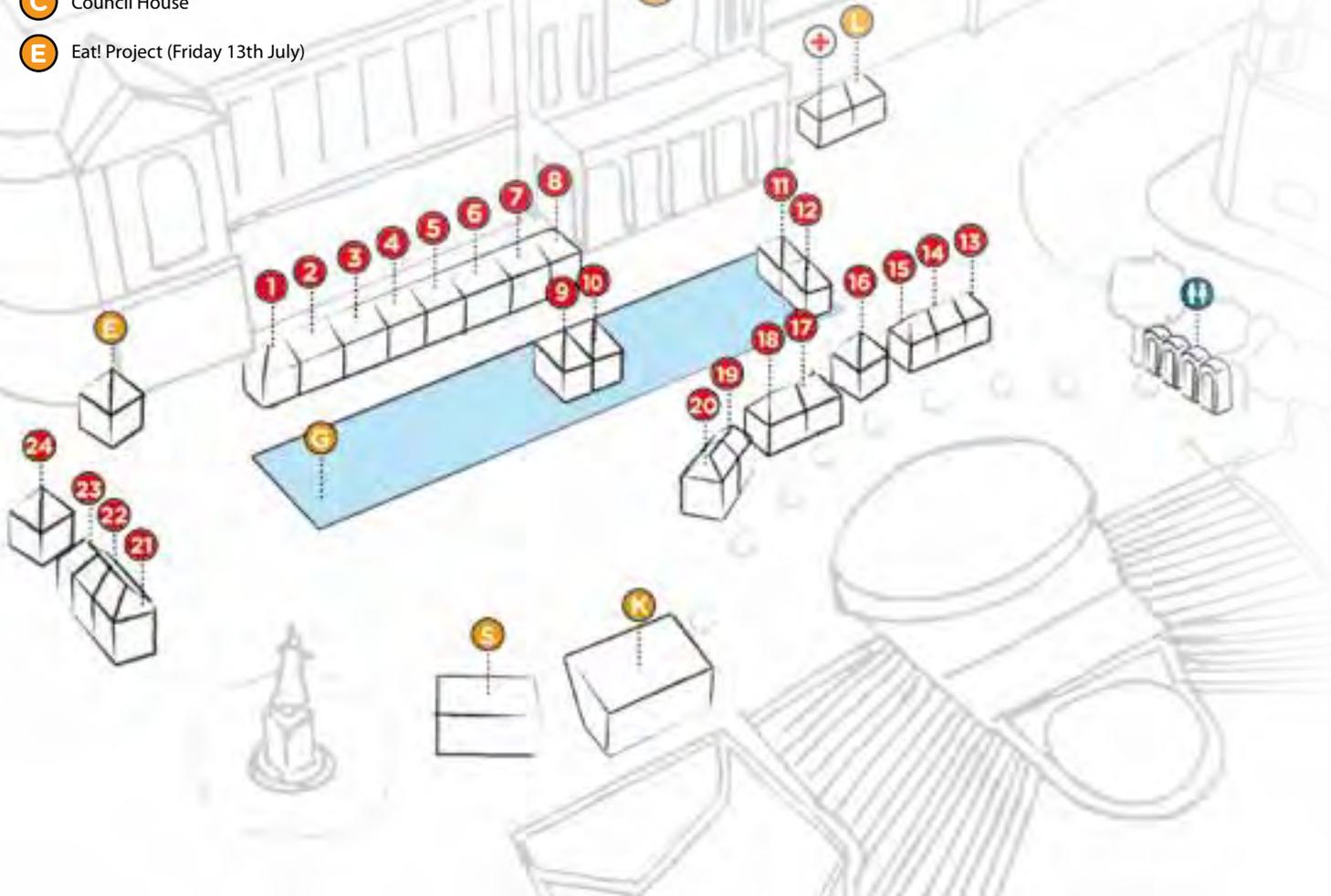
Friday 13th and Saturday 14th July
Victoria Square



Food Festival

It's back!
for 2012

- S** Performance Stage
- K** Demo kitchen
- G** Seating area
- L** Lost children meeting point / event control
- +** First Aid Station
- C** Council House
- E** Eat! Project (Friday 13th July)



What's on at the CBD Food Festival

Friday 13th July

Time	Session
11.00am - 1.00pm	Birmingham International Jazz & Blues Festival performance - Tipitina
1.00pm - 1.05pm	Official opening of event
1.05pm - 1.35pm	Demo kitchen session - Jojolapa
1.35pm - 2pm	Colmore Business District's Choir - Colmore Chorus
2pm - 3pm	Demo kitchen session - Purnell's and Opus Restaurant
3pm - 4pm	Birmingham International Jazz & Blues Festival performance - 52 Skidoo
4pm - 4.30pm	Demo kitchen session - Asha's Restaurant
4.30pm - 5.30pm	Birmingham International Jazz & Blues Festival performance - 52 Skidoo
5.30pm - 6.00pm	Demo kitchen session - Saffron
6.00pm - 7.00pm	Birmingham International Jazz & Blues Festival performance - The BroomBusters

Saturday 14th July

Time	Session
11.00am - 1.00pm	Birmingham International Jazz & Blues Festival performance - Tipitina
1.00pm - 1.05pm	Official opening of event
1.05pm - 2.00pm	Demo kitchen session - Purnell's and Opus Restaurant
2.00pm - 2.30pm	Colmore Business District's Choir - Colmore Chorus
2.30pm - 3pm	Demo kitchen session - Saffron
3pm - 4pm	Birmingham International Jazz & Blues Festival performance - Carol Sudhalter
4pm - 4.30pm	Demo kitchen session - Jojolapa
4.30pm - 5.30pm	Birmingham International Jazz & Blues Festival performance - Carol Sudhalter
5.30pm - 6.00pm	Demo kitchen session - The Jekyll & Hyde
6.00pm - 7.00pm	Birmingham International Jazz & Blues Festival performance - Bobby Woods Quartet

CBD Food Festival layout key

CBD Food Festival Venue Stall Numbers

Jojolapa	1
The Square Peg	2
The Old Joint Stock Pub & Theatre	3
Urban Coffee Company	4
Chi Bar & Grill	5
Hotel du Vin & Bistro	6
The Chameleon Restaurant and Bar	7
Asha's Restaurant	8
The Wellington	9
Edmund's Lounge, Bar & Eatery	10
The Jekyll & Hyde	11
Metro Bar & Grill	12
Livsstil the Cookshop	13
Colmore Bar & Grill	14
The Old Contemptibles	15
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All Bar One	18
Costa Coffee	19
Opus Restaurant	20
Purnell's	21
Hindleys Bakery	22
Six Eight Kafé	23
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Participant Venue Locations in Colmore Business District



1 Jojolapa
www.jojolapa.co.uk
55-59 Newhall Street, B3 3RB

2 The Square Peg
www.jdwetherspoon.co.uk/home/pubs/the-square-peg
115 Corporation Street, B4 6PH

3 The Old Joint Stock Pub & Theatre
www.oldjointstocktheatre.co.uk
4 Temple Row West, B2 5NY

4 Urban Coffee Company
www.urbancoffee.co.uk
30 Church Street, B3 2NP

5 Chi Bar & Grill
www.chibar.co.uk
61 Newhall Street, B3 3RB

6 Hotel Du Vin
www.hotelduvin.com
25 Church Street, B3 2NR

7 The Chameleon Restaurant and Bar
www.thechameleonbham.com
1 Victoria Square, Hill Street, B1 1BD

8 Asha's Restaurant
www.ashasuk.co.uk
Edmund House, 12-22 Newhall Street, B3 3LX

9 The Wellington
www.thewellingtonrealale.co.uk
37 Bennetts Hill, B2 5SN

Edmund's Lounge, Bar & Eatery
www.edmundsbar.co.uk
106-110 Edmund Street, B3 2ES

11 The Jekyll & Hyde
www.thejekyllandhyde.co.uk
28 Steelhouse Lane, B4 6BJ

12 Metro Bar & Grill
www.metrobarandgrill.co.uk
73 Cornwall Street, B3 2DF

13 Livsstil the Cookshop
www.livsstil.co.uk
4 The Minorities, Temple Court, B4 6AG

14 Colmore Bar & Grill
www.colmorebarandgrill.co.uk
3-6 Waterloo Street, B2 5PG

15 The Old Contemptibles
www.nicholsonspubs.co.uk
176 Edmund Street, B3 2HB

16 Thistle Birmingham City
www.thistle.com/Birmingham
St Chad's Queensway, B4 6HY

17 Saffron
www.saffronbirmingham.co.uk
126 Colmore Row, B3 3AP

18 All Bar One
www.allbarone.co.uk
43 Newhall Street, B3 3NY

19 Costa Coffee
www.costa.co.uk
7 Colmore Row, B3 2BJ

20 Opus Restaurant
www.opusrestaurant.co.uk
54 Cornwall Street, B3 2DE

21 Purnell's
www.purnellsrestaurant.com
55 Cornwall Street, B3 2DH

22 Hindleys Bakery
www.hindleys-bakers.co.uk
128 Fountain Court, Steelhouse Lane, B4 6DR

23 Six Eight Kafé
www.sixeightkafe.co.uk
6/8 Temple Row, B2 5HG

24 Anderson & Hill
www.andersonandhill.co.uk
Great Western Arcade, Colmore Row, B2 5HU

David Colcombe represents the UK in Chicago's Culinary Crossroads

Tahreen Kutub

The beginning of May saw Opus Restaurant's renowned chef director, David Colcombe visit Chicago for five days to represent the UK in a culinary celebration of the NATO nations. The invite was yet another boost to Birmingham's excellent culinary reputation, following recognition in the New York Times earlier this year for its food and drink offering.

Taking place on 1st to 25th May, the Culinary Crossroads event had restaurants throughout Chicago presenting special tasting menus and featured items inspired by the cuisines of the NATO nations. Part of the event involved seven internationally renowned chefs from the NATO nations being paired with participating restaurants to collaborate on menus that reflected the visiting chefs' cuisines.

I interviewed David two weeks after his return to the UK and was keen to find out more about his experience during this unique trip. David visited Chicago with Gareth Wayt, a junior sous chef at Opus Restaurant. During the visit, David was paired with Chef Dirk Flanigan of Henri and The Gage, two of downtown Chicago's most acclaimed dining venues.

The chefs worked together on one dish at The Gage, a huge restaurant of 300 seats, as well as a seven-course menu featured

throughout dinner service for one evening at the fine dining restaurant, Henri. Four of the courses were prepared by David. He was keen to represent the seasonality and freshness that is key to Opus Restaurant's menu, as well as incorporating ingredients used by Dirk.

David talked to me about the ingredients used in Chicago that are not commonly used in the UK, which he wanted to experiment with in his own dishes. He said, "I didn't go out with any set ideas of what the menu was going to look like, as it was important to discuss this with Dirk to see how I could make use of his ingredients. For example, I used Fiddleheads to go with my Yellowtail Snapper course as part of the menu at Henri. Harvested as a vegetable, Fiddleheads are not commonly available in the UK but are used in a lot of dishes in the USA. It was great to learn about the different cooking techniques; I think good chefs are learning all the time! In fact, Gareth has brought back new techniques, which he is now using in the Opus kitchen."

The trip saw the international chefs visit a Chicago school, where they took part in a panel discussion with culinary arts students and gave feedback on the students' own dishes. David told me that the chefs were made to feel very welcome and were greeted by a large orchestra on arrival! He said, "We told the students about our own career paths and about the culinary histories

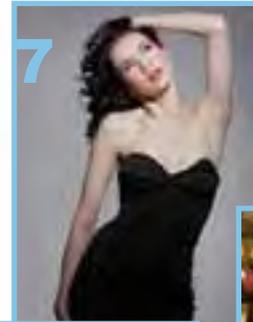
of our respective countries. During the question and answer session, there was a queue of around 50 students with questions related to getting into the hospitality industry; it was great to see so much enthusiasm!"

David is now looking to secure sponsorship to have a student from Chicago visit the UK to do a course at University College Birmingham and undertake work placements in restaurants in the city. He stressed how important it is for him to put something back into the hospitality industry and to help enable aspiring chefs to flourish. His passion on this subject was clear and has been shown through his work last year as a mentor for the Nestlé Toque d'Or, a national student catering competition. The competition puts industry professionals alongside college lecturers to mentor catering students. He is also a Fellow and Visiting Professor of University College Birmingham, where he works as an ambassador for the college.

The working relationship between David and Dirk was so successful that Dirk will be undertaking a short visit to Birmingham in July to work with David at Opus Restaurant. He will also be at the CBD Food Festival at Victoria Square on Friday 13th and Saturday 14th July. I look forward to meeting him!

www.opusrestaurant.co.uk

www.chicagoculinarycrossroads.org



28TH BIRMINGHAM INTERNATIONAL JAZZ & BLUES FESTIVAL

Colmore Business District (CBD) is delighted to be hosting live music performances for the fourth consecutive year on **Monday 9th to Saturday 14th July** as part of the Birmingham International Jazz & Blues Festival. The festival will once again coincide with the CBD Food Festival on Friday 13th and Saturday 14th July, where visitors will be entertained with superb performances in Victoria Square throughout the event.

Furthermore, the fantastic Tipitina are back to perform in the District, following the recording of their second album at Hotel du Vin last year, as part of CBD's festival launch event. Look out for a performance of their song written for CBD, 'Taking Care of Business.'

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE

DATE	TIME	PERFORMANCE	LOCATION (See map opposite)
Monday 9th July	12pm - 2pm	The Jazz Ramblers	Snow Hill Station Square
Monday 9th July	5pm - 6.30pm	The Dixie Ticklers	Church Street Square
Tuesday 10th July	12pm - 2pm	Budapest Ragtime Band (Hungary)	Birmingham Cathedral grounds
Tuesday 10th July	5pm - 6.30pm	Swing Museum	Colmore Square
Wednesday 11th July	12pm - 2pm	BB Swing	Snow Hill Station Square
Wednesday 11th July	5pm - 6.30pm	Backyard Music Boys	Church Street Square
Thursday 12th July	12pm - 2pm	Maja Szymczyk (Poland)	Birmingham Cathedral grounds
Thursday 12th July	5pm - 6.30pm	Arthur Brown Jazz Band	Colmore Square
Friday 13th July - CBD Food Festival	11am - 1pm	Tipitina	Victoria Square
Friday 13th July - CBD Food Festival	3pm - 4pm	52 Skidoo	Victoria Square
Friday 13th July - CBD Food Festival	4.30pm - 5.30pm	52 Skidoo	Victoria Square
Friday 13th July - CBD Food Festival	6pm - 7pm	The BroomBusters	Victoria Square
Saturday 14th July - CBD Food Festival	11am - 1pm	Tipitina	Victoria Square
Saturday 14th July - CBD Food Festival	3pm - 4pm	Carol Sudhalter (USA)	Victoria Square
Saturday 14th July - CBD Food Festival	4.30pm - 5.30pm	Carol Sudhalter (USA)	Victoria Square
Saturday 14th July - CBD Food Festival	6pm - 7pm	Bobby Woods Quartet	Victoria Square

The jazz and blues performances on Friday 13th and Saturday 14th July will take place as part of the CBD Food Festival in Victoria Square.

For more information on the CBD Food Festival, see pages 11-14. Visit www.colmorebusinessdistrict.com for alternative locations in case of inclement weather.

1 THE JAZZ RAMBLERS

Good-time jazz from the 1930s and 1940s performed with gusto by a leading Midlands classic jazz outfit. Expect to hear the repertoire of Armstrong, Ellington and Beiderbecke.

2 THE DIXIE TICKLERS

Classic New Orleans Jazz in the styles of Louis Armstrong, Jelly Roll Morton, Sidney Bechet and Kid Ory, performed by a youthful London band who count Woody Allen among their fans.

3 BUDAPEST RAGTIME BAND

One of Europe's most famous classic jazz bands performing at leading jazz festivals and concert halls worldwide, this eight piece band plus singer are famous for their stunning arrangements, superb musicianship and great entertainment value.

4 SWING MUSEUM

Accomplished exponents of the classic gypsy swing from the 1930s and 1940s Paris café society, the quartet have their own individual take on the music of Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappell as well as incorporating their own original songs.

5 BB SWING

Hot Django Reinhardt inspired French Gypsy Jazz combo, fronted by violin virtuoso Ben Holder who has starred at Royal Albert Hall, Symphony Hall and has appeared on BBC Radio 2's Friday Night is Music Night.

6 BACKYARD MUSIC BOYS

Hot jazz from the 1930s drawing on popular songs from that era as well as numbers associated with the classic New Orleans bands of King Oliver, Louis Armstrong and Jelly Roll Morton.

7 MAJA SZYMCZYK

Polish-born singer and actress, Maja is making her Birmingham debut accompanied by The Keith Bill Trio. An accomplished, soulful and inventive jazz singer with a strong sense of swing and a very personal delivery.

8 ARTHUR BROWN JAZZ BAND

The Arthur Brown Jazz Band is dedicated to the buccaneering style of Dixieland. The band also appears al fresco as Brown's Brass Band.

9 TIPITINA

Tipitina deliver their own unique take on the blues, barrelhouse, boogie and gospel of New Orleans, in the footsteps of Professor Longhair, Dr. John, James Booker, Fats Domino and Allen Toussaint.

10 52 SKIDOO

Stunning young Manchester-based hot swing trio who turn the clock back to the Harlem of the 1920s and 1930s with a dazzling display of music inspired by the piano professors from James P. Johnson and Eubie Blake to Willie the Lion Smith and Fats Waller.

11 THE BROOMBUSTERS

With influences from Bob Dylan, Elmore James, Muddy Waters, Jimi Hendrix, reggae and good old-fashioned rock 'n' roll - The Broombusters are the real deal. Fronted by Charlie Wolfman Sylvester, star of the 1970s hitmakers J.A.L.N. Band.

12 CAROL SUDHALTER

In-demand U.S. saxophonist who moved from Boston to New York in 1978 and has been at the forefront of The Big Apple's jazz scene ever since. A welcome return to Birmingham.

13 BOBBY WOODS QUARTET

Singer Bobby Woods was born in Chicago and grew up surrounded by the sounds of jazz, blues and gospel greats. Now based in Birmingham, Bobby has appeared with Osibisa, Eddie Grant and Third World and has toured widely in Africa and Europe.

A colour and cut

AT LISA SHEPHERD

CBD Administrator, Clare Perkins writes about her experience at top hair salon Lisa Shepherd on Temple Row West in Colmore Business District...

Stepping into the Lisa Shepherd salon you immediately forget the hustle and bustle of the city, with a relaxed atmosphere and warm welcome from the staff. I was taken to the main salon which is hidden away at the back of the building, giving utmost privacy whilst you are pampered.

You could tell that the artistic director, Tim Scott-Wright, has years of experience as he talked to me about options for my colour and cut. He looks at the client, working out what will suit them without being pushy, whilst giving some great ideas about the overall look.

As I waited for my colour to set, I was taken to the front of the salon and invited to help myself to a drink, and settled down with a magazine. After having a relaxing head massage whilst my colour was rinsed off, Tim got to work on the cut, and he works fast; he says he has been called 'Edward Scissorhands' more than once! Being a perfectionist, Tim wouldn't finish until he was totally satisfied my colour was right and although I was there a couple of hours, the time had flown by. I came out feeling completely pampered but most importantly, loving my new hairstyle!

www.lisashepherd.co.uk



Enter our competition for a chance to win a colour and cut makeover with Tim Scott-Wright, salon director at Lisa Shepherd Birmingham.

Send the answer to the following multiple choice question to Tahreen Kutub:
tahreen-k@colmorebusinessdistrict.com.

Where in Colmore Business District is Lisa Shepherd Birmingham based?

- A) Temple Row West
- B) Colmore Row
- C) Edmund Street

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Competition

Terms and conditions

Competition closing date is Friday 7th September 2012. Entries must be received by this date.
The winner will be chosen at random from all correct entries.
The winner will be announced in the next issue of CBD Digest.

CBD Presents

Moseley Arts Market

To celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, Colmore Business District (CBD) hosted Moseley Arts Market on Birmingham Cathedral grounds in June. The event marked the start of a series of events in the city centre over the Jubilee weekend, including Birmingham Pride and the Big Jubilee Lunch.

The market showcased the talents of one of Birmingham's most creative neighbourhoods along with invited guests. The participating designers and makers offered products including jewellery, ceramics and fine art.

Moseley Arts Market was established to provide opportunities for people living locally and working in the creative industries, and is held in Moseley on the fourth Saturday of every month from March to December. The visit to Colmore Business District was the first time the market was hosted in another area of the city.

The market was held as part of CBD's commitment to provide a vibrant offer in the District. CBD has been involved in a number of projects to enhance the community offer in the District through supporting and welcoming arts and culture. Projects have included outdoor photographic exhibitions, the formation of a business community choir with Birmingham Opera Company, as well as participation in the Birmingham International Jazz & Blues Festival and the Flatpack Festival.

CBD looks forward to welcoming back Moseley Arts Market to the District later this year, on Friday 14th December at Birmingham Cathedral grounds.



STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS!

Floral features in CBD

Look out for two unique floral features in Colmore Business District (CBD) this summer as part of the celebrations for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. There will be a feature representing a female weightlifter at Colmore Square and a Paralympian 'Blade Runner' at Snow Hill Station Square. The features will form a key part of the floral displays funded by CBD to bring colour to the District. They will also be part of the city wide *Birmingham in Bloom* entry, which will be judged at a regional and national level. For further details on *Birmingham in Bloom* visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/bib.





Birmingham's professionals receive training in personal safety

Colmore Business District (CBD) has partnered with former Royal Marine Commando, Daniel Gibbin, to provide a series of free of charge personal safety training sessions to professionals working in the District.

Delivered in February and March this year, the sessions provided an introduction to personal safety, including the law, crime prevention and how to manage conflict. The training had a focus on verbal communication skills, including how to diffuse aggressive situations, as well as self defence actions.

Securing improvements to actual and perceived safety across the business district is one of CBD's key aims. Daniel Gibbin, who spent five years with the Royal Marines and has since had over twelve years' experience in criminal and civil law enforcement, said: "It was a real pleasure to work with CBD on this project and the feedback from participants has been great. I appreciate a lot of people have concerns about crime and becoming a victim of crime and this was a real opportunity to address those concerns in a positive and robust manner."

The sessions were attended by employees working in a range of sectors in CBD. One of the attendees was Gemma Del Pozzo from law firm Squire Sanders. Gemma commented, "The session was very useful and enjoyable; it provided an excellent insight into self-defence and how best to prevent myself becoming a victim of crime."

Following the success of the pilot events, a further series of sessions will be delivered in the autumn for employees in CBD.

Colmore Chorus is back... to perform at the CBD Food Festival

Following successful performances at ArtsFest and a series of Christmas events last year, Colmore Business District's very own choir will be back to perform at the CBD Food Festival in July. Trained by Birmingham Opera Company, Colmore Chorus is made up of professionals working in and around the District and includes accountants, lawyers, administrative assistants and property specialists.

The choir was formed by Colmore Business District to provide the business community an opportunity to get together and learn new skills in a fun environment. Members of the group have met at lunchtimes and after work to rehearse and develop skills in vocal projection, stage presence, lyrics and range.

The performances at the CBD Food Festival will take place from 1.35pm to 2pm on Friday 13th July and 2pm to 2.30pm on Saturday 14th July.

If you are interested in joining please contact Hannah Baines: hb@birminghamopera.org.uk or call 0121 246 6644.



Magnum Sport: Icons and the Everyday = photographic exhibition

Monday 16th July- Sunday 9th September
Church Street Square and Colmore Square



Colmore Business District (CBD) is proud to sponsor the *Magnum Sport: Icons and the Everyday* photographic exhibition and is delighted to present a diverse collection of photography from some of the most influential photographers working today. The exhibition is part of CBD's activities to celebrate the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and is a contribution to Birmingham's Olympic offer.

This exhibition showcases some great sporting icons as well as offering an inquisitive viewpoint of everyday sporting activity and people's engagement with games and events. Whether it is world-class competitions and athletes at Olympic Games over the years or the routine of playing or watching sport, this exhibition captures the spectrum of people's engagement with sport across the world.

Magnum Sport has been especially curated for display in Birmingham by Pete James, head of photography at the Library of Birmingham, and Magnum Photos. Images that capture icons such as Lance Armstrong and Muhammad Ali as well as Japanese Sumo wrestlers and English cricket games on the beach are displayed. The exhibition features some of the world's most iconic names in documentary photography, including Werner Bischof, Henri Cartier-Bresson, David Hurn, David Seymour, Martin Parr, Eve Arnold, Cornell Capa, Martine Frank, George Roger, W. Eugene Smith, Susan Meiselas, Tom Hetherington and Ian Baerry.

The exhibitions on Church Street Square and Colmore Square are free and open all day throughout the week.

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www.colmorebusinessdistrict.com

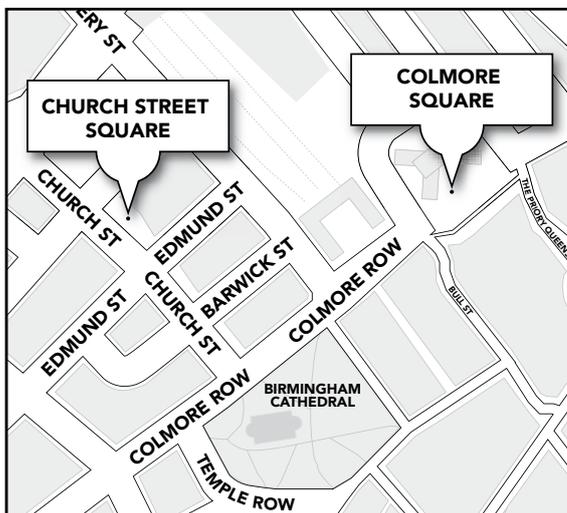


Photo: Harry Gruyaert



Photo: Werner Bischof



Photo: David Hurn



Photo: Thomas Hoepker

CITY CENTRE

Pubwatch

A Pubwatch scheme is a partnership where licensed trade representatives collaborate as an independent group and agree on policies of action against crime and anti-social behaviour in their licensed premises.

The City Centre Pubwatch group was set up in March 2012 and is made up of licensees of premises in the Colmore Business District (CBD) and Retail Birmingham areas. The group also has representatives from the Street Wardens and organisations such as West Midlands Police.

The City Centre Pubwatch is currently focussing on how to tackle the issues of beggars and is working closely with West Midlands Police and other agencies including the Anti-Social Behaviour Unit.

Phil Edmonds, pub manager of The Square Peg in CBD, is chair of the City Centre Pubwatch group. Phil said, "We are keen to work together to ensure the city centre licensed premises are as safe and welcoming as possible. I would encourage licensees of premises that are not yet involved to attend our monthly meetings and work with us to tackle any safety or disorder issues in licensed venues."

Other areas in Birmingham with Pubwatch groups include Broad Street, Southside, Digbeth and the Jewellery Quarter.

If you're a licensee in the CBD or Retail Birmingham areas and would like to get more involved with the City Centre Pubwatch, contact Phil on 0121 236 6530 or email him on p82@jdwetherspoon.co.uk.

CBD**community games**

**Friday 20th July,
10am to 5pm
Victoria Square**

Ahead of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, Colmore Business District (CBD) is holding its own Community Games event in Victoria Square on Friday 20th July. Community Games provide a great opportunity to get the local community together to take part in sporting and cultural activities inspired by, and in celebration of, the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

CBD is delighted to have confirmed England Hockey, British Rowing and Ping Table Tennis as the participating sporting bodies for the event.

England Hockey will be providing 5-a-side hockey tournaments for the CBD business community from 12pm to 4.30pm. Over 20 organisations have signed up with teams, including Lloyds Banking, FleetMilne Residential, KPMG, BNP Paribas Real Estate, Peter Brett Associates LLP, Brewin Dolphin, Wragge & Co., Computer People, Amey, Turley Associates, Barclays and West Midlands Police.

The CBD business community and visitors to the event can also take part in other hockey challenges, rowing and ping-pong games in what promises to be a fun-filled community day!

For further details, visit www.colmorebusinessdistrict.com or contact event organiser, Tahreen Kutub, on **0121 236 4686**.



'Dolly West's Kitchen'

at The Old Joint Stock Theatre

By Anna Kavanagh,
Guest Entertainment & Hospitality
Correspondent

I recently attended The Old Joint Stock Theatre for the first time, having spent many a memorable hour on the ground floor of this, the ultimate bank-to-pub conversion. The theatre is on the top floor and, according to the website:

'...includes full dressing and green room facilities, a box office, cloakroom and lounge area for interval drinks, as well as a demountable stage and seating that allows each production or hire to inhabit the space to its best potential.'

The play I saw was 'Dolly West's Kitchen' by Frank McGuinness, a darkly Chekovian account of the Second World War as seen through the lives of a middle-class Irish family living in

Buncrana, Donegal (the author's birthplace). Despite the dark and often moving story that unfolds around the family and their three foreign visitors, humour frequently coruscated the dialogue – playing with our perceptions of how Irish people deal with bleak times with a mix of black humour, whiskey and fighting.

The production was staged by Birmingham School of Acting, with the cast drawn from Year 1 of the MA Acting: the British Tradition course. The occasional missed cue was easy to forgive in exchange for a good attempt at emotional authenticity, character build and vocal work. A small theatre like this can be an unforgiving arena in which to get things wrong, but this cast carried us along nicely, making us care about the characters and how their lives and loves would unfold. The size of the stage also calls for a delicate hand in lighting, sound and set design and largely



that is what we got, with the death scene in particular being well handled between 'talent' and stage-craft – the latter being taken care of by students from the BA(Hons) Stage Management course.

I can happily recommend The Old Joint Stock Theatre for future productions; an intimate but complete little theatre.

www.oldjointstocktheatre.co.uk

CAN'T KICK THE HABIT?
AT LEAST BREAK THIS ONE



SMOKE IT STUB IT BIN IT



Spring edition's
COMPETITION



Winner

Congratulations to Daniel Whebell, legal assistant in the Banking and Finance team at Browne Jacobson, who has won a meal for two and a bottle of wine at Saffron on Colmore Row.

Jamaica 50

Saturday 26th May to Sunday 30th September
Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery,
Chamberlain Square, Birmingham B3 3DH.
www.bmag.org.uk/events

Jamaica 50 celebrates fifty years of Jamaican Independence through the country's history, its national heroes and symbols. The exhibition tells the story of Jamaican Independence Day and the journeys which Jamaican people made to settle in Birmingham in the 1950s and 60s through their own words, pictures and memories.

Last Night of the Summer Proms

Saturday 14 July, 7:30pm
Symphony Hall, Broad Street, Birmingham B1 2EA
www.thsh.co.uk

Celebrate summer with great classics, including Willaim Tell Overture, the Blue Danube Waltz and the Swan Lake Finale. There will also be a jubilant Proms finale. Check website for ticket prices.

Disney Live!

presents Mickey's Magic Show

Wednesday 25th July to Sunday 29th July
National Indoor Arena, King Edwards Road,
Birmingham B1 2AA
www.thenia.co.uk/whatson

Presented by Mickey Mouse, this magic show will feature some of Disney's biggest stars including Donald Duck, Goofy, Alice in Wonderland, the Mad Hatter and Disney Princesses, Jasmine, Belle, Snow White and Cinderella. They will appear alongside world-class magicians to perform tricks from legendary Disney films. Check website for ticket prices.

DirtyDancing

Wednesday 4th July to Saturday 25th August
Birmingham Hippodrome, Hurst Street,
Southside, Birmingham B5 4TB
www.birminghamhippodrome.com

Seen by millions across the globe, this worldwide smash-hit tells the classic story of Baby and Johnny, two fiercely independent young spirits from different worlds, who come together in what will be the most challenging and triumphant summer of their lives. Featuring hit songs, including "Hungry Eyes" and "I've Had The Time Of My Life." Check website for ticket prices.

Pharaoh: King of Egypt

Saturday 14th July to Sunday 14th October
Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery,
Chamberlain Square, Birmingham B3 3DH
www.bmag.org.uk/events

Pharaoh: King of Egypt is a national touring exhibition from the British Museum which explores the lives of the ancient kings of Egypt. Over 130 British Museum objects, which have never been seen out of London before, feature in this exhibition – from monumental sculptures to intimate items of gold jewellery. Check website for admission fees.

Ophelia, Princess of Denmark

Friday 27th July, 7.30pm; Saturday 28th July,
2pm and 7.30pm
The Old Joint Stock Theatre, 4 Temple Row
West, Birmingham B2 5NY
www.oldjointstocktheatre.co.uk

Celebrated playwright Frank Bramwell's new Shakespeare adaptation premieres at the Old Joint Stock Theatre as part of the OJST Alternative Shakespeare Festival, 18-28 July 2012. Check website for ticket prices.

Birmingham International Jazz & Blues Festival in Colmore Business District

Monday 9th July to Saturday 14th July
Various outdoor locations in Colmore Business District (see schedule on page 17)
www.colmorebusinessdistrict.com

Enjoy live jazz and blues performances in locations throughout Colmore Business District. This year marks the fourth consecutive year in which CBD has participated in the Birmingham International Jazz & Blues Festival. See pages 16-17.

Magnum Sport: Icons and the Everyday

Monday 16th July to Sunday 9th September
Church Street and Colmore Square
www.colmorebusinessdistrict.com

As part of Birmingham's celebration of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, Colmore Business District is holding an outdoor exhibition that will include images of sporting icons alongside scenes of everyday sporting activity around the world. See page 21.

Summer Prom: National Youth Orchestra

Wednesday 1st August, 7:30pm
Symphony Hall, Broad Street, Birmingham B1 2EA
www.thsh.co.uk

Described by The Times as 'the most uplifting orchestra in the world', the vast National Youth Orchestra comprises 165 of the country's most talented teenage stars. The orchestra awaken the wonders of Messiaen's uplifting testament to time and love, the breathtaking musical kaleidoscope that is Turangalila-Symphonie. Check website for ticket prices.

CBD Food Festival

Friday 13th July to Saturday 14th July,
11am to 7pm
Victoria Square
www.colmorebusinessdistrict.com

The CBD Food Festival showcases the excellent food and drink offering in Birmingham's business quarter, Colmore Business District. Over 20 venues, many of whom are independent businesses, will be serving taster options priced from as little as £1.50 to £5. This year, the festival will be the opening event for the Birmingham Food Fest, taking place on 13th to 19th July. See pages 11-14.

CBD Community Games

Friday 20th July, 10am to 5pm, Victoria Square
www.colmorebusinessdistrict.com

To celebrate the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, Colmore Business District (CBD) is holding its own Community Games in Birmingham City Centre.

The event will have fun-filled games provided by England Hockey, British Rowing and Ping Table Tennis for visitors to the event. In addition to general community sports participation, 5-a-side hockey tournaments will take place with teams from the CBD business community from 12pm – 4.30pm. See page 22.

Mandala

Friday 7th September, 8.30pm and 9.30pm
Chamberlain Square
www.sampad.org.uk

Using the latest digital technologies, Mandala will see Birmingham Town Hall spectacularly illuminated in colour and light and brought to life by 3D moving projections and breathtaking visual effects created by Seeper and Sampad. The projection will capture the beautiful forms of South Asian dance.