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Welcome to the summer edition of the mix.

With the sun now shining on Brindleyplace, the estate is buzzing with a jam-packed events and live music calendar alongside the opportunity to make the most of our many alfresco drinking and dining locations.

In this issue we share all the latest news from across Brindleyplace including exciting tenant updates and our choice of what not to miss this summer. From musical performances to markets and a midnight walk, there really is something to suit every taste.

Mash House has kindly shared one of its mouth-watering recipes with our readers and, for those not so keen on cooking, we've got competitions to win meals at Mash House and YO! Sushi. Wayne Nell, Head Chef at City Café gives us an insight into his international rise up the career ladder and we showcase the new look Brindleyplace loyalty card, guaranteed to get you the best discounts across the estate all summer!

Happy reading,



**Kate Gregson**

Marketing and PR Manager,  
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# TENANT NEWS

AS THE WEATHER WARMS UP OUR TENANTS HAVE PLENTY OF REASONS TO CELEBRATE THE SUMMER HERE AT BRINDLEYPLACE...



## SPIRIT OF THE SUMMER

Birmingham will be coming to life this summer with a series of music, arts and entertainment events.

Birmingham International Jazz & Blues Festival celebrates its 27th anniversary July 1-10 with more than 150 performances; almost all of them free admission. Brindleyplace is at the heart of the Festival with more than 20 performances featuring bands from the UK, Czech Republic, USA, Argentina, Spain, Hungary and Germany, and dozens more shows near the estate. See Our Choice for the full listings of Brindleyplace performances.

ArtsFest, one of the biggest, most popular urban festivals within the UK takes place on 10-11 September.

The UK's biggest free arts festival celebrates the West Midland region's astounding wealth of creative talent featuring performances, workshops, exhibitions, installations, talks and screenings, across the performing, visual and digital arts genres. ArtsFest is a festival for the young and old alike with visitors able to sample everything from cutting edge arts to entertainment. Brindleyplace venues participating in ArtsFest include Ikon Gallery, The Crescent Theatre and Mint Hotel.

Also livening up Brindleyplace this summer will be live music events at venues across the estate, including regular outdoor performances at The Water's Edge Bandstand, full listings for which can be found on page 12. *Thank Bank it's Friday* will be launching this summer at Bank Brindleyplace with a yet to be confirmed package of live music and cocktails at the popular bar and restaurant.

**Keep up-to-date with all the latest summer music and entertainment events on the website [brindleyplace.com](http://brindleyplace.com)**

## MINT HOTEL ENJOYS TRIPLE CELEBRATION

Mint Hotel Birmingham is pleased to be celebrating its 10th year in business and, combined with a refurbishment and launch of the delectable summer menu, sees a triple celebration for the Brindleyplace based hotel this summer.

Proudly holding a Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence, Mint Hotel Birmingham has recently undergone an extensive refurbishment to bring the hotel's lobby, bar and terrace up to the stylish and exceptional levels of the hotel group.

Stephen Cresswell, General Manager, Mint Hotel Birmingham comments, "We're delighted to be celebrating our 10th anniversary this year and, coupled with the refurbishment, there's a lot that we can raise a glass to. It is part of our practice to use fresh, seasonal and local produce wherever possible and the launch of our summer menu provides us with another reason to celebrate. We hope that people will join us in toasting our achievements and we have a fantastic range of offers to coincide with the celebration."

To celebrate its 10th anniversary, Mint Hotel Birmingham is offering a special £10 deal - pay just £10 for a two-course evening meal at City Café, only £10 for two cocktails on the terrace and not a single penny over £10 for an antipasto platter.



Throughout summer, the hotel is also offering one night's accommodation to help guests celebrate the 10th anniversary in style, from £140 per room. Upon arrival, guests will be treated to a bottle of Prosecco and canapés. This price is based on two people sharing and includes a three course meal in City Café for two people. Guests can also choose between a delicious full British breakfast, a two course lunch or an Afternoon Tea with a late check-out time of 4pm.

**For more information visit [minthotel.com](http://minthotel.com)**

## BATS TO THE READY



On 8th July, in association with Ping! two ping pong tables will be arriving in Brindleyplace as part of a city wide project. The tables which will be in Central Square and Oozells Square for four weeks will be used for free play, master-classes, competitions and for an array of social events. If you are interested in entering a work league competition register your details by email to [ailsa.raine@brindleyplace.com](mailto:ailsa.raine@brindleyplace.com)

## NEW LOOK LOYALTY CARD

The new look Brindleyplace Loyalty Card has been launched and resulted in a record number of applications from people keen to take advantage of great savings across Brindleyplace shops, attractions and venues.

Over 20,000 people now hold Brindleyplace Loyalty Cards, all of who are enjoying the exclusive range of offers available.



Current deals include a 20% discount at YO! Sushi, 20% discount at Café Rouge, 10% discount at Carluccio's and, for a limited time only, 20% discount at Edmunds.

Membership to the Loyalty Card scheme is completely free and it can be signed up for on the Brindleyplace website.

The previous Loyalty Card is still valid but if you'd like a shiny new card, please pop in and see the marketing team at the Information Office, situated next to the Canalside car park.

**Find out the latest Loyalty Card offers available on our website [brindleyplace.com/offers/loyalty-card](http://brindleyplace.com/offers/loyalty-card)**

## IKON. WHAT WE'RE READING

**Everything Flowers**  
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This richly illustrated book is inspired by the beauty and wisdom of the garden. Rojas brings together flowers, birds, figures and folklore in her paintings. Through the language of flowers delicate yet resilient, powerful yet flexible, Rojas tells enchanting stories with colour.



*Ikon Youth Programme Members*

## SLOW BOAT LAUNCH

Look out for the Slow Boat passing by Brindleyplace on Saturday 16 July. The converted narrow boat is home to an innovative project involving Ikon Gallery's Ikon Youth Programme and British Waterways.

Using a converted canal boat as a catalyst, Ikon Youth Programme's group of 20 young people aged 15-19 will produce, present and promote their own work as well as that of other artists. The boat acts as a stage for on-board exhibitions, canal-side performances, screening, talks and activities on the canal network.

Join the launch on Saturday 16 July and enjoy free boat trips between 1-4pm as Ikon Youth Programme celebrates the start of its exciting voyage of discovery! Places are free but should be reserved by calling Ikon on 0121 248 0708.

Brindleyplace Loyalty Card holders receive a 10% discount at both Ikon Shop and Café Ikon (excluding £7.95 lunch deal).

[ikon-gallery.co.uk](http://ikon-gallery.co.uk)



*Andy Waters, Edmunds Chef Patron*

## EDMUNDS AWARD WIN

Brindleyplace restaurant Edmunds has been named as the regional winner for the Midlands in the prestigious 'The Good Food Guide Restaurant of the Year Awards.'

Over 27,500 diners nominated their favourite restaurants, pubs and cafés from around the UK. To qualify for the awards restaurants needed to be independently-run, offering regional or local produce where possible and deliver consistently great food and excellent service.

Andy Waters, Edmunds Chef Patron, commented: "Winning the Midlands category is a great achievement for the whole Edmunds team who have worked here from day one and put in so much dedication. We would like to thank everyone who voted for us and we look forward to welcoming you back to Edmunds soon."

Elizabeth Carter, Consultant Editor of The Good Food Guide said: "Birmingham is proud of having several big-hitting restaurants in its midst, and the fact that The Good Food Guide readers have singled out Edmunds as their outstanding restaurant, not just in the city but in the region, is a ringing endorsement for hard-working chef Andy Waters and his wife Beverley, who oversees front of house.

They prove that fine dining credentials can come with a warm welcome and relaxed ambiance."

The award comes as Edmunds celebrates its three year anniversary in Brindleyplace. Since relocating from Henley-in-Arden the restaurant has repeated its previous success, consistently receiving five star reviews from both food critics and diners. National interest has also continued with Edmunds being named a Sunday Times top 100 UK restaurant in 2010.

To mark the upcoming anniversary of the restaurant, Edmunds has teamed up with Brindleyplace to offer Brindleyplace Loyalty Card holders 20% off the à la Carte menu between the months of June and August.

**For more information visit [edmundsrestaurant.co.uk](http://edmundsrestaurant.co.uk)**

# THIS SEASON



THIS SEASON'S CHOICE IS A SUMMER CLASSIC FROM BRINDLEYPLACE BASED MASH HOUSE.



## HOMEMADE SALMON & CHILLI FISHCAKES

- Recipe serves 4
- Cooking time 10 mins

### THE INGREDIENTS

- 2 salmon fillets
- 100g potatoes (for mashing)
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- 1 red chilli (de-seeded)
- 2 limes
- 1 lemon

#### Optional extras to serve:

- Mixed leaf salad
- Chilli salad dressing
- Sour crème

### THE METHOD

- Preheat oven to 180°C
- Steam or boil the salmon for 15 minutes until cooked through.
- Peel and boil the potatoes then mash. (We recommend using Maris Pipers or whatever is in season.)
- Zest the limes and lemon and add zest into the mash with the salt and pepper.
- De-seed and finely chop the chilli. Add to the mash mixture.
- Once the salmon has cooled, flake the fillets into the mash mixture and fold together gently.
- Once mixed, shape into circles using your hands or a circular food ring.

- Cook in oven on a grease proof tray for seven minutes and serve.

#### Mash House recommendation:

This recipe is great for the summer and is a fantastic lighter option. We recommend you serve it with a simple mixed leaf salad with a chilli dressing and a sour crème dip on the side. It also works well as a starter for a summer dinner party and, if you don't fancy cooking the fishcakes yourself, you can also find them as a starter on our evening set menu.

**Brindleyplace Loyalty Card holders receive 15% off food at Mash House. Visit the website [mashhouse.co.uk](http://mashhouse.co.uk)**



### WIN DINNER AT MASH HOUSE



Mash House is offering one lucky the mix reader the chance to win dinner for four at its Brindleyplace restaurant.

Mash House's menu boasts an array of delicious traditional British Classic dishes. As the name suggests, the restaurant's speciality mash is the best in town. The line-up of eight different flavours including chive & onion, garlic & parsley, leek & bacon and horseradish mash, offers a tasty treat for every palate.

A £5 lunch menu is currently on offer alongside a great value evening set menu.

To be in with a chance of winning a meal for four to share with friends, family or colleagues, simply answer the following question:

### Q. MASH HOUSE'S RANGE OF MASHED POTATO INCLUDES CHIVE & WHAT VEGETABLE?

Send your answer no later than 5pm on Friday 30 September on an email entitled Mash House Competition to [aisa.raine@brindleyplace.com](mailto:aisa.raine@brindleyplace.com) Please include the competition answer, your full name and a contact telephone number.

*Terms and conditions: Prize includes a meal for four to the value of £85 at Mash House. Prize is not transferrable, cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer or exchanged for cash. The prize must be taken by 1 December 2011.*

# OUR PEOPLE



## THE MIX MEETS WAYNE NELL, HEAD CHEF AT CITY CAFÉ, MINT HOTEL BIRMINGHAM



### Q. WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO BECOME A CHEF?

I have always had a passion for cooking. From the age of about 10, I would get out my mum's cook books do a shopping list, send her off to the shops to get the ingredients and I would cook for the family. It seemed for me the right thing to progress the career that I was most passionate about and I have now been professionally cooking for 23 years.

### Q. WHERE DID YOU START YOUR CAREER AND HOW HAVE YOU PROGRESSED TO BECOME A HEAD CHEF?

I was fortunate at the age of 15 to get a part time job in a pastry shop in Cape Town. While I was working there I developed a keen interest in pastry and bakery.

After High School I did two years compulsory National Service in the South African Defence Force's Catering Corps.

I was sent to some of the top 5\* hotels in Cape Town and it was the quality of food, passion and discipline at these hotels that really attracted me even more to embarking on a career as a chef.

Once qualified and National Service completed, I looked at moving my career forward in the pastry direction. I took on a position in Cape Town at the 5\* Bay Hotel where I worked my way up to Chef de partie in the pastry section.

I moved on from the Bay Hotel to start my international career, first opening a luxury resort on the Islands of the Comoros, then on to the Middle East, Far East and Mediterranean before finding myself back in South Africa at The Palace of the Lost City in Sun City. It was here that I made the decision to move from pastry and expand myself to develop in other areas of the kitchen.

I came to the UK in 1999 and have been here ever since. In my time here I have worked in Belfast, London, Edinburgh and the West Midlands.

### Q. WHAT MADE YOU WANT TO BECOME HEAD CHEF AT CITY CAFÉ?

Mint Hotel and City Café has an interesting appeal as, even though it is a corporate hotel group, there is a massive interest in the food operation and achieving industry accolades. This is what attracted me to City Café, the fact that I can express myself and my passion for food using the best locally sourced ingredients, from local suppliers.

### Q. HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR MENU TO THE MIX READERS?

The menu is a mix of modern contemporary British and classical British with a twist.

Our menus are designed using locally sourced seasonal products. We use only environmentally sustainable fish, trying to reduce our carbon footprint and do our bit for the survival of the dwindling supply of fish and seafood.

We change our menu seasonally getting the best of all four seasons and using products when they are at their best and abundant. We also offer a Market Menu which we change twice weekly. This enables us to offer more fresh seasonal products, meaning there is always something new and exciting on offer.

### Q. WHAT SETS YOU APART FROM OTHER BRINDLEYPLACE RESTAURANTS?

Apart from the fact that we are environmentally aware and are very passionate about what we do, we are flexible when it comes to our guests and do our best

to attend to all requirements using the finest and freshest ingredients possible. We aspire to make each and every dining experience a memorable one.

### Q. WHAT ARE YOUR AMBITIONS FOR THE RESTAURANT?

At City Café we currently have one AA rosette; I aim to achieve three AA rosettes and to be the restaurant in Brindleyplace where it all happens. We have plenty to offer and would like to share what we have with our guests and the people of Brindleyplace.

### Q. CAN WE USE OUR BRINDLEYPLACE LOYALTY CARD AT CITY CAFÉ?

Yes, there is a 10% discount with the Brindleyplace Loyalty Card. This can be used to dine with us for lunch where we offer our Market Menu at two courses for £9.95 and three courses for £14.95. Dinner is a two course Market Menu at £14.95 and three courses for £19.95, and there is also our à-la-carte menu which is available for lunch and dinner.

The Loyalty Card can also be used for our renowned Afternoon Tea which is £12.95 and our fantastic Sunday Carvery at £15.95. It can also be used in our newly refurbished Brindley Lounge where we offer less formal dining from our substantial lounge menu.

For more information visit [minthotel.com](https://www.minthotel.com)

# BUSINESS NEWS

COMMERCIAL SUCCESS IS AT THE HEART OF BRINDLEYPLACE. READ ON FOR THE LATEST BUSINESS NEWS FROM ACROSS THE ESTATE.



Nick and Miriam Clegg in Birmingham

## BIRMINGHAM TO HOST LIBERAL DEMOCRATS CONFERENCE

The Liberal Democrats return to Birmingham to hold their Autumn Conference from 17 – 21 September after a successful Spring Conference in the city last year.

Held at leading conference venue The ICC, the event is expected to attract around 8,000 delegates to Birmingham, providing a welcome boost to the city's hotels, restaurants, bars, shops and other businesses.

Brindleyplace will be welcoming conference delegates with live music performances at the Bandstand and special offers available at selected bars and restaurants.

Building on the achievements of the 2010 Conference, Marketing Birmingham and The NEC Group are working with key organisations in the city to ensure the annual Autumn Conference is a success and on target to generate an estimated £12 million for the regional economy.

The conference builds on Birmingham's reputation for hosting world-class events and ensures the city is now firmly established as part of the major political party conference circuit. Birmingham was the only UK city to secure all three main political parties between 2008 and 2010 and will have delivered a total of seven party political conferences in the five years leading up to 2012.

For more information visit [libdems.org.uk/conference](http://libdems.org.uk/conference)

## REWARDING PROFESSIONALISM

Congratulations to Damian Johnson, from the Deutsche Bank legal team based in Brindleyplace who was triumphant at the 2011 Birmingham Young Professional of the Year awards.

Damian scooped the prize in the Legal category at a ceremony held at the International Convention Centre in May, beating competition from finalists representing some of Birmingham's premier legal teams.

Damian, who is head of structured products - legal for Deutsche Bank GBS Service Centre in Birmingham, is a qualified solicitor with 13 years' experience in the financial services sector.

His individual award is the second great win for Deutsche Bank in Birmingham, following its 2010 Chamber of Commerce Award for best Professional Services Company.

For more information visit [db.com/unitedkingdom](http://db.com/unitedkingdom)



Guy Barnett lawyers2U (award sponsor) - Glen Howells (Chairman of the BYPY Judges) - Damian Johnson (Winner, Deutsche Bank) - Derek Redmond (Athelete) & Katharine Merry (Athelete)

## INSPIRED MEETING ROOMS

Are you bored of your office's bland meeting rooms and looking for somewhere new and fresh to inspire your team?

Look no further than Brindleyplace which offers a variety of meeting and event venues to cater for all requirements. We have a range of stylish and impressive facilities whether you're looking to host a training session, small seminar or a social networking event.

In addition to the innovative corporate meeting rooms available at Meetingspace in Eleven Brindleyplace and Mint Hotel, there are a host of unique venues

for less traditional meetings.

Be enthused by the visually inspiring space at Ikon Gallery or The Crescent Theatre, perfect for those 'outside the box' brainstorming sessions.

For a working lunch, try the sleek surroundings of Nuvo with full access to projector screens and an AV system, or reserve a sophisticated private dining room at Bank Restaurant and Bar.

To round off the day, kick back and socialise with your colleagues and clients in one of the many bars and restaurants on the estate. Reserve a private area for drinks at the recently refurbished Pitcher & Piano or go all out and hire Number Nine the Gallery or even an entire restaurant to finish your productive day in style.

**For further details on hiring a venue or meeting room at Brindleyplace contact Ailsa Raine at [ailsa.raine@brindleyplace.com](mailto:ailsa.raine@brindleyplace.com)**



## FANTASTIC FOUR

A rare office opportunity has arisen to become part of the business community within Four Brindleyplace.

The exceptional mixed-use building provides a total of 114,000sq ft of prime accommodation with current occupiers including Deloitte and Michael Page.

The stunning contemporary building is situated at the heart of Brindleyplace overlooking Central Square and presents true flexibility – a fantastic opportunity in today's highly competitive business world.

Up to 20,000 sq ft of office space is currently available on the fourth floor of the Grade A property, including floor to ceiling glazing, plus the flexibility for an occupier to divide the space as required.

**For further information on this and other office space at Brindleyplace contact Charles Toogood at GVA on 0121 236 8236 or Craig Satchwell at Colliers International on 0121 265 7500.**

## ON GUARD!

Brindleyplace based business advisory firm Deloitte is providing financial support to a group of elite disability athletes from the Midlands as they pursue their ambition of competing at the Paralympic Games.

They are part of a group of nearly 100 athletes to receive funding this year through the Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme (TASS). TASS is funded by Deloitte and managed by SportsAid and has provided more than 500 financial awards to disability athletes across a range of sports over the last five years.

In total, there are currently 17 disability athletes from the Midlands receiving support from TASS, including wheelchair fencers Alan Sheriff and Thomas Hall-Butcher, who both study at the University of Birmingham.



*Wheelchair fencers Thomas Hall-Butcher (left) and Alan Sheriff (centre) with Deloitte Midlands Practice Senior Partner Chris Loughran.*

Thomas, 20, lives in Birmingham and has been a TASS athlete for four years. He commented: "Fencing is still a relatively unknown sport. However, thanks to Deloitte and TASS it has been getting more exposure and as a result has raised its profile. On a personal level, TASS has been fantastic in supporting me through my career and in helping me to achieve my goals, one of which is to win a medal at the London 2012 Paralympic Games."

## A RYALL APPOINTMENT



*Colliers International's Graham Ryall*

Graham Ryall, a director in Colliers International's rating team in Birmingham, has been appointed as President of the Rating Surveyors' Association (RSA).

Mr Ryall takes over the role from John Elcox and becomes the 102nd president of the Association. Based within Colliers International's Eleven Brindleyplace Birmingham office, he is also the first rating surveyor practising in the West Midlands to be elected to the position.

Mr Ryall has more than 40 years' experience in rating valuation, having worked in both the public and private sectors, predominantly in the Midlands. He said: "It's a great honour and privilege to take on the presidency of the RSA. I'm looking forward to my year in office and to continuing the work of my predecessor and of the organisation in representing the interests of our members and the rating industry as a whole."

The RSA is a professional organisation representing the interests of chartered surveyors who specialise in the field of business rates.

# OUR CHOICE

BRINGING YOU THE BEST OF BRINDLEYPLACE, HERE'S WHAT'S HOT AND WHAT NOT TO MISS ON THE ESTATE THIS SUMMER.



## ALFRESCO DINING

There's nothing we Brits like more in the summer than taking advantage of the light, balmy evenings by relaxing with drinks or a meal outdoors.

Here are some of the fantastic alfresco opportunities currently available...

### BANK

Calm, relaxing and welcoming, Bank's outdoor terraces offer a choice of views across the 19th century canals and Brindleyplace's Central Square. Both are the ideal place to while away the hazy summer days with a delicious meal or cooling cocktail. Enjoy the Prix Fixe menu which is changed daily - £12.50 for two courses and £15 for three courses, available from 12-7pm.

### CAFÉ IKON

Café Ikon's cocktails are perfect sundowners and include The Ikon, a blend of gin, Cointreau, elderflower, fresh raspberries and lime (£6.95).

Enjoy with a sharing plate of cured meats, cheese, bread, olives (£10.50) or go for a full tapas dinner, perhaps with padron peppers, fresh grilled tuna and marinated lamb.

### CARLUCCIO'S

Now's the time to rediscover last year's favourite picnic spot. Carluccio's is proud of the fresh ingredients it uses and is keen to share them with everyone. Its gourmet picnics bring restaurant-quality food to the great outdoors. Enjoy meat-eater or vegetarian options for £45 which serves two people, and a special cestino for the little ones at £10 per child.

### PICCOLINO

Piccolino's heated outdoor terrace in Oozells Square is chic and calming in the daytime, vibrant and charming at night. Available for private hire, it's a surprising oasis in which to enjoy ice-cold Moretti or Champagne cocktails. Complimentary aperitivo (canapés) are served on the terrace when you order drinks from the bar on Friday evenings between 5-7pm. You can even liven up your experience by borrowing the restaurant's Italian 'bocce' set for a friendly game of boules with friends or colleagues.

## LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET RETURNS!

Brindleyplace's Local Produce Market has returned with more fresh and fruity produce for 2011.

With the first Local Produce Market successfully launched in June, the market will be held from 10am-3pm on Friday 29 July, 26 August and 30 September in Central Square.

Kate Gregson, Marketing and PR Manager for Brindleyplace, comments: "Cooking dinner every night after a hard day at work can become a chore and people easily lose motivation.

"Chatting with stall holders about their fresh produce can really reignite and inspire new ideas. This year we've also teamed up with some of our restaurants to provide recipes for the produce being sold to make it even easier to enjoy locally sourced ingredients.

"In addition to this we're also encouraging people to share their own recipes by bringing along and submitting a recipe at the market for a chance to win a prize. The winning recipe will then be posted on our Facebook page for all our followers to try."

**If you have any queries or suggestions about the market or would like to get involved, please contact Ailsa Raine on 0121 600 5832 or email [ailsa.raine@brindleyplace.com](mailto:ailsa.raine@brindleyplace.com)**



## DO SOMETHING AMAZING... GIVE BLOOD

Did you know that 96% of us rely on the other 4% to give blood?

If you're generally healthy and aged between 17 and 65, do something amazing and give blood this summer.

The Blood Mobile will be in Brindleyplace on 4 July, 31 August and 16 September.



**Drop in to donate or book an appointment online at [blood.co.uk](http://blood.co.uk)**

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## GOT JAZZ?

If you haven't discovered jazz music yet, Brindleyplace is offering you the perfect opportunity this summer with a range of jazz events across the estate.

Mint Hotel will be hosting regular Jazz sessions at City Café from the 2 July, while Rush Hour Blues, in association with Birmingham Jazz, will see evening performances in Oozells Square on Friday 12 and 26 August. The outdoor performances provide the perfect opportunity to enjoy the entertainment with a choice of alfresco drinking and dining opportunities in Oozells Square.

Birmingham International Jazz & Blues Festival is also not to be missed with performances across Brindleyplace from 1-10 July.

Musicians, bands and audiences come from throughout the UK and much further afield to join Birmingham's residents at Europe's greatest free jazz and blues party.

Experience Brindleyplace cocktail bar Nuvo's Piano Lounge every Tuesday and Wednesday from 8pm. Live piano performances and occasional vocals provide the perfect backdrop to sit back and enjoy Nuvo's exquisite range of cocktails and Champagne cocktails from £4.



Free performances in and around Brindleyplace are listed below.

Date	Artist	Time	Location
1 July	Teens Jazzband Velke Losiny [Czech Republic]	5:00pm	Brasshouse
1 July	The London Bebop Collective	5:30pm	The Water's Edge
2 July	Zingaros New Gypsy Tango [Argentina]	2:00pm	The Water's Edge
2 July	Tipitina	2:30pm	Jazz On The Water
2 July	The Bennett Soudy Quartet	3:00pm	Brasshouse
2 July	The Bennett Soudy Quartet	7:30pm	Mint Hotel
3 July	Zingaros New Gypsy Tango [Argentina]	3:00pm	Brasshouse
3 July	New Orleans Jump Band	9:30pm	Mint Hotel
4 July	The Dixie Ticklers	12:30pm	Brasshouse
4 July	Will Scott [USA]	8:00pm	Nuvo
5 July	Art Themen Quartet	12:30pm	Brasshouse
5 July	Will Scott [USA]	1:00pm	Number Nine the Gallery
5 July	The Swiss	1:00pm	Mint Hotel
5 July	The Swiss	8:00pm	Nuvo
6 July	Michael Sutton Quartet	12:30pm	Brasshouse
6 July	Michael Sutton Quartet	8:00pm	Nuvo
7 July	Bourbon Street Stompers [Germany]	1:00pm	Brasshouse
8 July	Djabe [Hungary]	12:30pm	Brasshouse
8 July	Forty 4 Blues Band	5:00pm	Brasshouse
8 July	Djabe [Hungary]	5:30pm	The Water's Edge
9 July	Joe Cang	1:00pm	Mint Hotel
9 July	Ben Poole Band	3:00pm	Brasshouse
9 July	Blues is Truth	6:00pm	Mint Hotel
10 July	Jay Tamkin Band	3:00pm	Brasshouse

# OUT AND ABOUT

WHETHER YOU'RE INTERESTED IN MUSIC, ART, SPORT OR THEATRE, YOU ARE SPOILT FOR CHOICE WITH EVENTS IN AND AROUND BRINDLEYPLACE.

## JULY



**2 July**  
**Selco Midland Masters Football**  
The NIA

Selco Midland Masters Football returns to the NIA. Featuring a host of Midlands' football stars, Birmingham will be looking to defend its crown but can expect strong local competition from Wolves, Villa and WBA. Also looking to win their first ever Midlands Masters title are Coventry and Walsall who return after three years away to make their second only ever appearance in the Midland Masters.

**2 July**  
**Gregg Allman**  
Symphony Hall



Co-founder of the Allman Brothers band and soulful bluesman Gregg Allman, brings his Low Country Blues tour to the acoustic warmth of Symphony Hall.

**8 July**  
**An Evening With Penguin Café**  
Town Hall

Experience the incredible ensemble responsible for enduring music in films like Napoleon Dynamite and meshing genres together to create a new world of sound.



**9 – 24 July**  
**David Prentice 75th Birthday Celebration**  
Number Nine the Gallery

Originally one of the founders of the Ikon Gallery back in the 1960s, David has won numerous awards for his art in both watercolour and oils. Still a full time artist, the powerful explosion of colour seen in his work stops people in their tracks. On Saturday 9 July, Number Nine the Gallery will be hosting a very special exhibition of David's favourite paintings of the Malverns with the artist himself making a guest appearance on Sunday 10 July.

**21 – 23 July**  
**Our Day Out**  
The Crescent Theatre

The 'Progress' class are off on a School Trip! They visit a café, a zoo, a castle, a beach and a fairground with varying degrees of delight and success before heading home on the coach, reflecting on the day's event. As the kids cop off and the teachers tell off we see perceptions change as characters collude and collide outside the classroom.

**27 July – 11 September**  
**Atsuko Tanaka**  
Ikon Gallery

Ikon and the Japan Foundation presents the first UK retrospective of the pioneering Japanese artist Atsuko Tanaka (1932-2005), consisting of very early paper and fabric collages, diverse works from her years as a member of the avant-garde Gutai group (1955-65) including the famous Electric Dress, and a selection of later paintings.

**31 July**  
**Iron Maiden**  
The NIA



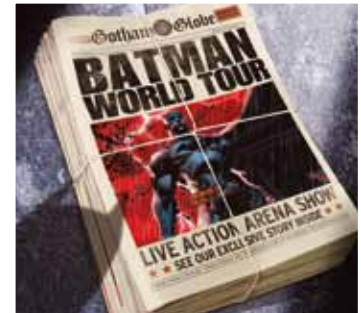
Rock legends Iron Maiden return to the UK for a date at The NIA as part of their Final Frontier World Tour. For the first time in many years the band will be playing shows across the full length and breadth of the UK and intend to play songs from the new album as well as a healthy dose of older fan favourite songs.

**30 – 31 July**  
**Let's Rock 2011**  
The Crescent Theatre

This Year 150 Bollywood Dreams Dance Academy students and troupe members take part in this family show which presents colourful and lively performances from the latest Bollywood movies, as well as a few golden oldies from back in the day.

## AUGUST

**17 – 21 August**  
**Batman Live**  
The NIA



A unique and innovative theatrical experience, Batman Live is an arena spectacular that combines acrobatics, daredevil stunt work, illusions, and cutting-edge design to bring the adventures of Batman and Robin to life on stage for the first time in the characters' history.

**18 – 26 August**  
**High School Musical 2 Summer School**  
The Crescent Theatre

High School Musical 2, Summer School is an intensive project that gives all budding actors, singers and dancers the chance to experience what it is like to work on a professionally run production. The cast and crew have just 10 days to create the production, rehearsing every day, building the set and sourcing the props.

## SEPTEMBER

**14 September**  
**Brian Wilson: Reimagines Gershwin Tour**  
Symphony Hall

Legendary songwriter, producer, arranger and co-founder of the Beach Boys will play his Reimagines Gershwin album in its entirety, plus classics.

**19 September****Celtic Woman**  
Symphony Hall

The million-selling ensemble arrive following Billboard World Music chart success, promising evocative Celtic song and a visually stunning show.

**20 September – 11 October****Kevin Pearsh Exhibition**  
Number Nine the Gallery

Kevin Pearsh has just returned from a most successful museum exhibition in India. This exhibition reflects on the power of the mighty Ganges with palaces, ritual bathers and sweeping landscapes all taken from his observations of his three year trip.

**22 – 26 September****Lee Evans**  
The NIA

Lee Evans will be bringing his Roadrunner Tour to The NIA. Lee's manic energy, uncanny observations, hilarious delivery and side-splitting material have made his live performances a must-see for comedy fans worldwide.

**28 September****The Magnets**  
Town Hall

The pop, a cappella, beat boxing, band described as a 'sonic phenomenon' are tipped for success in 2011 and have opened for Tom Jones.

**For further information:****The Crescent Theatre**  
crescent-theatre.co.uk**Ikon Gallery**  
ikon-gallery.co.uk**Number Nine the Gallery**  
numberninethegallery.com**The NIA**  
thenia.co.uk**Town Hall/Symphony Hall**  
thsh.co.uk

## EVENTS CALENDAR

Live music performances return to Brindleyplace this summer. Don't miss out on the chance to discover new genres and artists all of whom will be performing for free.

**Make sure you also visit our website [brindleyplace.com](http://brindleyplace.com) for any additional events added over the coming weeks...**



July	Artist	Time	Location
1	The London Bebop Collective (Birmingham International Jazz Festival)	5:30 - 7:30pm	Bandstand
2	Zingaros New Gypsy Tango (Birmingham International Jazz Festival)	2 - 4pm	Bandstand
8	Djabe (Birmingham International Jazz Festival)	5:30 - 7:30pm	Bandstand
9	Fat Lip	2 - 4pm	Bandstand
17	Sam The Sax	2:30 - 4:30pm	Bandstand
22	Barrelhouse Blues Band	5:30 - 7:30pm	Bandstand
23	Jazz de L'Affaire	2 - 4pm	Bandstand
29	Steve Ajao	5:30 - 7:30pm	Bandstand
30	The Wedding Crashers	2 - 4pm	Bandstand
August			
5	Kremlin Brothers	5:30 - 7:30pm	Bandstand
6	Fat Lip	2 - 4pm	Bandstand
12	Rush Hour Blues - Ska'd For Life	5:30 - 7pm	Oozells Square
14	Jazz de L'Affaire	2 - 4pm	Bandstand
19	Acoustic Underdogs	5:30 - 7:30pm	Bandstand
21	Sam The Sax	2:30 - 4:30pm	Bandstand
26	Rush Hour Blues - Rotunda of Wonder	5:30 - 7pm	Oozells Square
28	Mike Burney Quartet	2 - 4pm	Bandstand
Sept			
2	Magenta	5:30 - 7:30pm	Bandstand
9	The Wedding Crashers	5:30 - 7:30pm	Bandstand
10	Fat Lip	2 - 4pm	Bandstand
16	Tipitina	5:30 - 7:30pm	Bandstand
17	Strumpit - Lib Dem Conference	5:30 - 7:30pm	Bandstand
18	Sam The Sax	2:30 - 4:30pm	Bandstand
20	Toy Hearts - Lib Dem Conference	5:30 - 7:30pm	Bandstand

# FUNRAISING

## MIDNIGHT WALK RETURNS

Acorns Children's Hospice is appealing for local ladies to be part of something special in Birmingham on Saturday 17 September, when the Acorns Midnight Walk returns to the city's streets.

This 10km female only walking event will start and finish in Victoria Square, with the back drop of the illuminated Town Hall and Council House. The route will take in the sights of the Bullring, Jewellery Quarter, St Philip's Cathedral and Brindleyplace by moonlight as the 1,500 participants raise much needed funds to support local life limited and life threatened children and their families.



The event is a stark reminder that a good night's sleep is hard to achieve when caring for a life limited child. In giving up just one night, participants can make a real difference to local families who depend on the support of Acorns to help them cope with huge emotional, physical and financial challenges.

So, don't sleep through it – go it alone or get together with female friends, colleagues and family to join in a magical night. Gentlemen, you can be part of it too! Acorns needs more than 100 men to volunteer on the evening to help marshal the route.

For more information or to register visit [acorns.org.uk/midnightwalk](http://acorns.org.uk/midnightwalk), call 0845 985 0405 or email [events@acorns.org.uk](mailto:events@acorns.org.uk)

## FIERY FUNDRAISING!



The Brindleyplace Dragonboat Festival returned for its 12th year on Saturday 18 June in aid of Birmingham Children's Hospital's End of Life Care Project.

The corporate fundraising event, this year sponsored by Deutsche Bank, is considered by many to be the competition for businesses across the city.

A record number of 21 teams signed up for the race this year, the highest ever number of boats to battle it down the Fazeley Canal from the Pitcher & Piano up to the winning post at the NIA.

Competing teams included GVA, Lloyds Banking Group and Mitchells and Butlers. Unsurprisingly given the fiery theme of this event it was a West Midlands Fire Service

team - Phoenix Flyers - that won the race, closely followed by Harvey Splash and GVA. Best Fancy Dress Costume was awarded to No. 5 Chambers for its imaginatively themed 101 Dalmatians boat including Cruella de Vil. Other themed boats included the Smurfs, Baywatch and Ghostbusters. Trophies for the day were awarded by brmb presenter Dan Morfitt.

With £43,000 donated to the Children's Hospital following the 2010 Dragonboat Festival event, it is hoped that the final amount raised this year will once again smash all previous records. Keep an eye on the Brindleyplace website for news of the total amount raised later this summer and thank you to everyone who took part in the race or supported us on the day.

## SWEET TWEETS

We tweet daily to keep our followers up-to-date with all the latest estate news and love to hear what our online friends are up to.

Here are a few of our favourite tweets from the past few months...



**DerrenBrown** Spent most days last week @Bank\_Birmingham. One of my fave eats in UK. Last night took crew. Food stunning. Staff great. Such a joy, thank u.



**Dan Morrissey** There's a lush shiny red @Vauxhall Astra GTC parked in @BrindleyPlace today. If they want to just leave it for me, that'd be great.



**Mat Burling** What a rather pleasant Sunday @Brindleyplace & The Sax Man was great....



**Sarah Ferrier** @Brindleyplace thx for my loyalty card! 2 for 1 afternoon tea :) That's made my day!!



**Dine Birmingham** Any other @Brindleyplace addicts out there? No use fighting it now that there's a new loyalty card. C'est la vie...!



**Patrick McEntee** @Brindleyplace know recycling is cool, do YOU??



**Sarah Morris** @sianroberts15 @stylistmagazine I'm a massive fan of Edmunds in @brindleyplace - their lunch menu is only about £20 but the food is amazing.

For all the latest Brindleyplace news and offers follow us on Twitter at [twitter.com/brindleyplace](https://twitter.com/brindleyplace)

## WIN!

Become a fan of our Facebook page before 31 July and you will be in with a chance of winning a meal for two and bottle of wine at YO! Sushi, Brindleyplace. Just search 'Brindleyplace' on Facebook and 'Like' our page to be entered into the competition.



## DINE IN STYLE

### Around the World in 80 Dishes

**0121 643 5577**

Offers a mouth-watering selection of cuisines including Thai.

### Bank Restaurant

**0121 633 4466**

High quality restaurant offering excellent service in a contemporary environment.

### Café Ikon

**0121 248 3226**

Spanish cuisine served with a flourish.

### Café Rouge

**0121 643 6556**

A combination of delicious food and great wines.

### Carluccio's

**0121 633 9262**

Deliciously authentic Italian caffè, restaurant, deli and foodshop.

### Cielo

**0121 632 6882**

Award winning Italian restaurant.

### City Café

**0121 633 6300**

Stylish restaurant, bar and terrace overlooking Brunswick Square.

### Edmunds

**0121 633 4944**

Modern British with a French/Mediterranean influence.

### handmade burger Co.

**0121 665 6542**

Fantastic choice of fresh burgers.

### Mash House

**0121 643 2707**

Exciting range of British favourites.

### Piccolino

**0121 634 3055**

A vibrant Italian restaurant and bar.

### Pizza Express

**0121 643 2500**

Delicious freshly baked pizza.

### Shogun Teppan-Yaki

**0121 643 1856**

Fantastic Japanese cuisine.

### Thai Edge

**0121 643 3993**

Arguably the best Thai restaurant in Birmingham.

### Tin Tin

**0121 633 0888**

A long established Cantonese restaurant.

### YO! Sushi

**0121 222 0875**

Uber cool Japanese inspired dishes including hot classics, sashimi, tempura, hand rolls and desserts.

## DRINK OR BITE TO EAT

### All Bar One

**0121 644 5861**

Excellent menu of fresh food served all day.

### Baguette du Monde

**0121 643 8629**

This bustling sandwich bar offers a selection of freshly filled baguettes with a wide range of quality fillings.

### Bank Bar

**0121 633 4466**

No better place to meet friends after work.

### Costa Coffee

**0121 643 4020**

Striking glazed café overlooking the Brindleyplace fountains.

### Eat

**0121 633 3023**

A selection of freshly prepared soups, salads and sandwiches.

### Nuvo

**0121 631 1600**

Birmingham's most elegant and exclusive lounge bar at Eleven Brindleyplace.

### Pitcher and Piano

**0121 643 0214**

A wide selection of top quality food, premium drinks and cocktails.

### The Slug and Lettuce

**0121 633 3049**

Open for breakfast every day and has a late license from Thursday to Saturday with a live DJ.

## ENJOY

### Bannatyne's Health Club

**0121 633 4645**

Five star health club.

### Ikon Gallery

**0121 248 0708**

Internationally renowned, award winning contemporary art gallery.

### The Crescent Theatre

**0121 643 5858**

One of Birmingham's most modern theatre buildings. Superb 340 seat auditorium, studio theatre, rehearsal room, meeting room and bar area overlooking the canal.

### The National SEA LIFE Centre

**0121 643 6777**

Spectacular undersea voyage with over 60 displays of freshwater and marine life.

## TREAT YOURSELF

### Boots the Chemist

**0121 643 4872**

Everything from beauty, tasty sandwiches to a pharmacy.

### Ethos

**0121 616 6182**

Follow the scent to this innovative florist.

### Number Nine the Gallery

**0121 643 9099**

Privately owned gallery selling original paintings, glass, ceramics and sculptures.

### Places

**0121 633 0744**

Specialist in residential lettings.

### Sainsbury's Local

**0121 643 8635**

Gives customers the best quality and choice to meet their everyday shopping needs.

### Spar in the City

**0121 643 5502**

Offers a wide variety of provisions.

## STAYING THE NIGHT

### Mint Hotel Birmingham

**0121 643 1003**

238 air conditioned bedrooms.

### SACO@Livingbase

**0121 643 8585**

35 luxury serviced apartments.

## BANKING

### Natwest

**0845 300 2957**

NatWest is the first and only bank in Brindleyplace.

## SUITED AND BOOTED

### Argent

**0121 643 7799**

### Beachcroft LLP

**0121 698 5200**

### Brindleyplace Management Office

**0121 643 6866**

### BT

**0121 230 5301**

### The Canalside Car Park

**0121 600 5810**

### Colliers International UK plc

**0121 265 7500**

### Core Marketing

**0121 643 8151**

### Deloitte

**0121 632 6000**

### Deutsche Bank (DBO)

**0121 615 7200**

### Drivers Jonas Deloitte

**0121 695 5500**

### Friend LLP

**0121 633 2000**

### GVA

**08449 02 03 04**

### Institute of Directors West Midlands

**0121 643 1868**

### Lloyds TSB

**0121 643 9840**

### Management Engineers (UK) Ltd

**0121 631 3040**

### Meetingspace

**0121 643 5504**

### Mercer

**0121 631 3343**

### Michael Page

**0121 230 9350**

### Odgers Berndtson

**0121 654 5900**

### Orion Media (brmb & Gold)

**0121 566 5200**

### Regus UK Ltd

**0121 698 8500**

### Robert Walters

**0121 281 5000**

### The Royal Bank of Scotland

**0121 566 1000**

### Towers Watson

**0121 631 1888**

### Unity Trust Bank

**0845 140 1000**

### Vail Williams

**0121 654 1065**

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