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Simon Paul Felton



Peter Leadbetter



Elliott Brown



Steve Melia



## DID YOU KNOW?...

### **GRAND CENTRAL**

*The earliest and first railway terminus to serve Birmingham was located at Curzon Street and this opened in 1838. The main terminus to serve the City which came to be known as New Street Station was built by the London and North Western Railway between 1846 and 1854. In September 2015, Grand Central was officially opened and this replaced the shopping centre previously known as The Pallasades. The Grand Central Tram Stop connects the Metro extension to New Street Station and was opened in 2016.*

*Main photo: Grand Central and the city skyline from the Rotunda by Kev Maslin  
Left: The Midland Metro Tram station at Grand Central by Simon Paul Felton*



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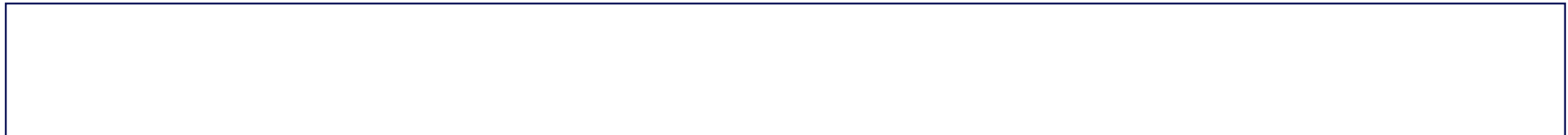
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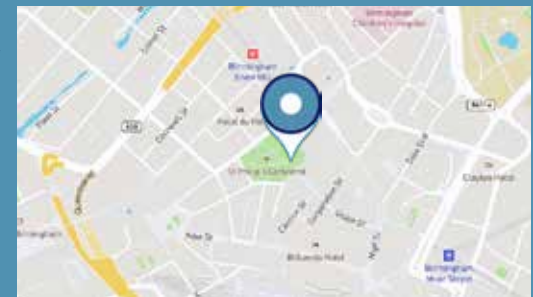
## DID YOU KNOW?...

### CATHEDRAL SQUARE

*Cathedral Square in Birmingham is home to the city's majestic St Philip's Cathedral. Built in 1715 as St Philip's Church in the Baroque style by Thomas Archer, the Cathedral celebrated its 300 year birthday in 2015. It was granted Cathedral Status in 1905 for the then newly formed Diocese of Birmingham. Refaced in stone by J A Chatwin from 1864-9, the Cathedral features Edward Burne-Jones windows.*

*The Cathedral was bombed during WW2 in 1940 and restored in 1948 but the Burne-Jones windows were removed early on in the war and therefore saved.*

*Main photo: St Phillip's Cathedral and Cathedral Square by Jay Mason-Burns  
Left: The Burne-Jones windows in the Cathedral by Peter Leadbetter*



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## DID YOU KNOW?...

### ST PAUL'S SQUARE

*St Paul's Square was built between 1777 and 1779 on the Newhall Estate owned by the Colmore family. St Paul's is the only remaining Georgian square in Birmingham. St Paul's Church, a Grade I listed building, was built at the same time as the square and was designed by Roger Eykyn of Wolverhampton. Members of the Lunar Society, including Matthew Boulton and James Watt, were given their own pews in the church. The spire of St Paul's Church was added in 1823 by Francis Goodwin.*

*Main photo: St Paul's Church in the centre of the square by Damien Walmsley  
Left: The 'Wobbly Bridge' on the approach to the square by Mac McCreery*





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## DID YOU KNOW?...

### THE CUSTARD FACTORY

*Devonshire House on High Street Deritend in Digbeth was built in 1902 for Alfred Bird and Sons Limited who produced egg free custard. They continued at this site until 1964 when production was relocated to Banbury. The arts facility we have now was set up in 1992 by Bernie Gray, and later taken over by his son Lucan Gray who owned the site until 2017. Zellig opened in Deveonshire House in 2010 with offices and workspace units. The Custard Factory is also famed for its street art which changes regularly.*

*Main photo: The Custard Factory in Digbeth by Barry Whitehead  
Left: The Flamingos at Zelig by Elliot Brown*



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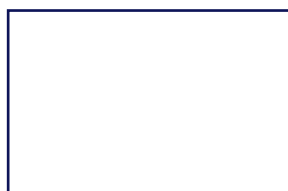
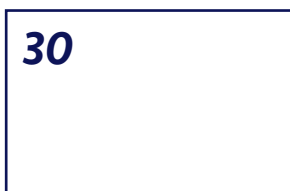
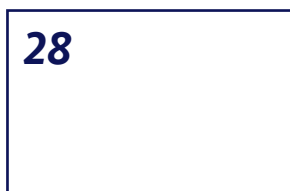
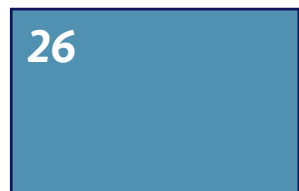
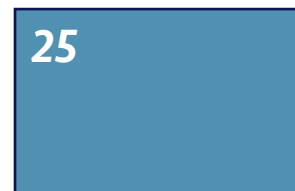
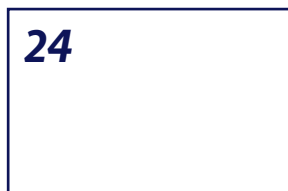
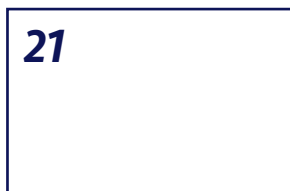
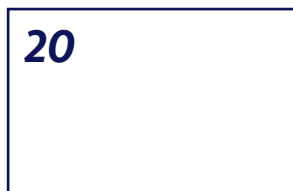
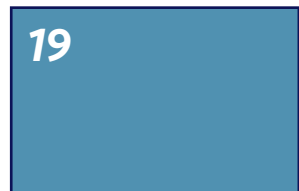
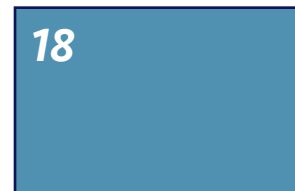
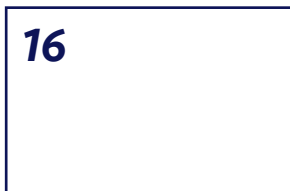
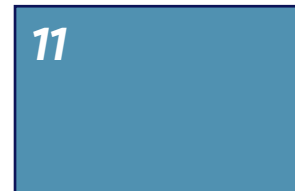
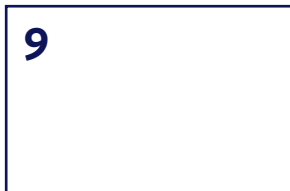
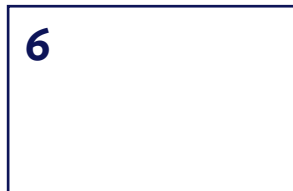
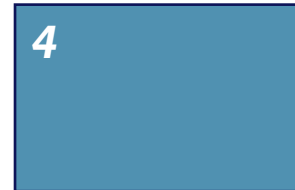
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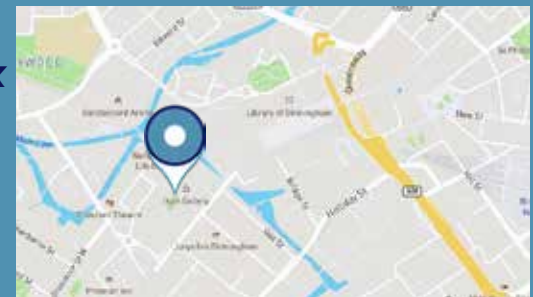


## DID YOU KNOW?...

### OOZELLS SQUARE

*Oozells Square is a wonderful open space located in Brindleyplace, a mixed-use development in the Westside Business District of the City. The IKON Gallery in the square is housed in the former Oozells Street Boarding School designed by John Henry Chamberlain in 1877. The building was Grade II listed in 1981 when it was the furniture stores of the City of Birmingham's Education Department. The IKON Gallery moved in during 1997 after restoration work was completed. Paul de Monchaux designed the sculptures in the square.*

*Main photo: Oozells Square in Brindleyplace with the IKON Art Gallery by Pete Davies  
Left: The tower of the IKON Art Gallery reflected in the square's water feature by Daniel Sturley*



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## DID YOU KNOW?...

### ***CENTENARY SQUARE***

***Centenary Square in Birmingham is often referred to as the Civic centre of Birmingham. In 2019, the new look square was unveiled, including a new water fountain pool. The original Centenary Square was opened in 1991, having been named in 1989 to commemorate the Centenary of Birmingham becoming a city. The ICC and Symphony Hall opened in 1991 and The REP opened in 1971 and was modified during the construction of the Library of Birmingham which opened in 2013. Baskerville House was built 1938-40 and the Hall of Memory was completed in 1925.***

***Main photo: Centenary Square seen from the Hyatt Regency Hotel by Dave Fieldhouse  
Left: The Lower Terrace of the Library of Birmingham by Christine Wright***



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## DID YOU KNOW?...

### ***EASTSIDE CITY PARK***

***Millennium Point, opened in 2001, is home to the Thinktank (Birmingham's Science Museum), Birmingham City University and Birmingham Metropolitan College. Eastside City Park was opened in 2012. Curzon Street Station, a Grade I listed building, was the original terminus of the London and Birmingham Railway and was opened in 1838. The building was designed by Philip Hardwick. The Parkside Building at the new BCU Eastside Campus, the Curzon Building and the new Royal Birmingham Conservatoire are all close-by in Eastside.***

***Main photo: Eastside City Park at Millennium Point by Christine Wright  
Left: Eastside City Park at Millennium Point by Barry Whitehead***





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## DID YOU KNOW?...

### CHAMBERLAIN SQUARE

*The square is named after the City's statesman and notable Mayor of Birmingham, Joseph Chamberlain, often referred to as the 'Father of Birmingham'. The square has major plans to grow as a vibrant location offering something for everyone ensuring that the City's wonderful history and heritage is protected and showcased for all to enjoy. Chamberlain Square provides several wonderful examples of both modern and classic architecture portraying a City of growth but also a City that, whilst passionate about its future, is equally passionate about its past.*

*Main photo: The Museum reflected in the windows of Two Chamberlain Square by Daniel Sturley  
Left: 'Big Brum' at the Museum & Art Gallery in Chamberlain Square by Simon Paul Felton*



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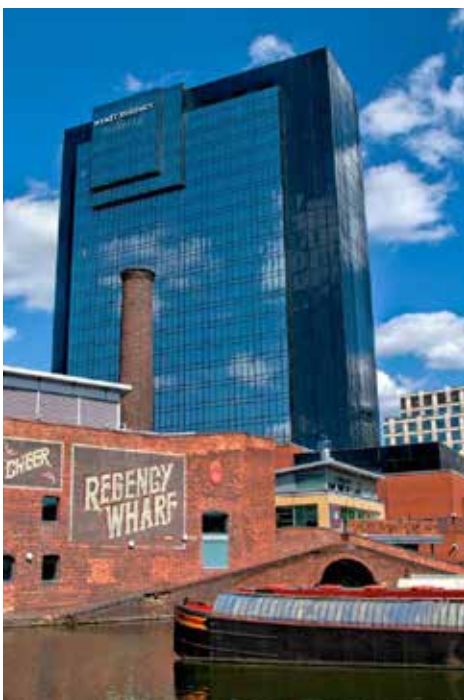
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31 <small>Summer Bank Holiday</small>						



## DID YOU KNOW?...

### ***GAS STREET BASIN***

*The Birmingham Canal was completed in 1773 and terminated at Old Wharf beyond Bridge Street. The Worcester & Birmingham Canal was built from 1795 to 1815. In the 1990s much of the canal was restored and narrowboats can now travel along the canal without a problem. Above the Broad Street Tunnel is the renamed Black Sabbath Bridge, given the name in 2019 to celebrate 20 years of the trailblazing 'Heavy Metal' band Black Sabbath. The other end of Gas Street Basin leads to the Mailbox and The Cube.*

*Main photo: Gas Street Basin at night by Tammie Naughton  
Left: The Hyatt Regency Hotel from Gas Street Basin by Steve Melia*



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## DID YOU KNOW?...

### ST MARTIN'S SQUARE

*The church, known as St Martin in the Bullring, is a Grade II listed building in what is now called St Martin's Square. The church dates back to at least the 13th century. The spire was rebuilt in 1781 by John Cheshire and the church was demolished and rebuilt by the architect J. A. Chatwin in 1872, preserving the earlier tower and spire. The South Transept has a Burne-Jones window made by William Morris in 1875 which was removed during WW2 when all other windows were destroyed. It was returned after the war.*

*Main photo: St Martin in the Bullring by Mac McCreery  
Left: St Martin in the Bullring by Elliott Brown*



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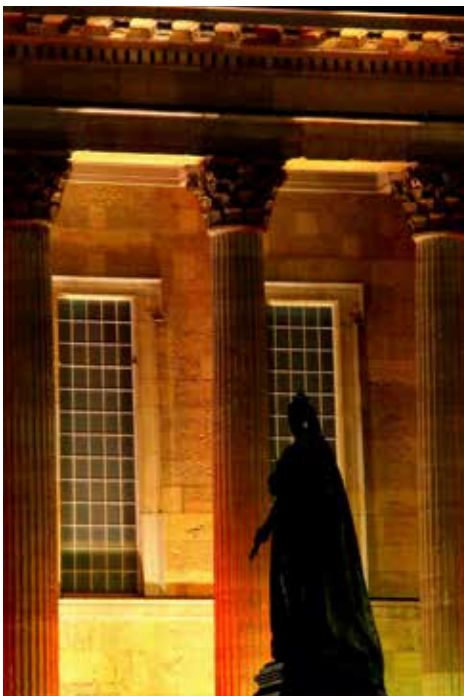


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### **VICTORIA SQUARE**

*Victoria Square in Birmingham is home to Birmingham City Council. Originally known as Council House Square, it was renamed in 1901 in honour of Queen Victoria (12 days before her death). The marble statue of Queen Victoria, designed by Thomas Brock, was recast in bronze by William Bloye in 1951. The Council House was built in 1885. The square was remodelled and re-opened in 1993 and included the sculpture 'River and Youth' by Dhruva Mistry, more commonly known as the 'Flooie in the Jacuzzi'.*

*Main photo: The Birmingham City Council House in Victoria Square by Victoria Ball  
Left: The Queen Victoria R Statue and the Town Hall by Peter Leadbetter*





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## DID YOU KNOW?...

### ***SOUTHSIDE, GAY VILLAGE AND THE CHINESE QUARTER***

***This area is mostly clustered around Hurst Street, Ladywell Walk and Pershore Street. The Chinese business community grew here from the 1960s onwards, with people originally moving from Hong Kong. It was officially recognised as the Chinese Quarter in the 1980s. The Pagoda at Holloway Circus was erected in 1998 on the outskirts of the quarter. The Birmingham Hippodrome was first opened in 1895 and the building has been redeveloped several times. It is now the home to the Birmingham Royal Ballet since the company relocated in 1990.***

***Main photo: The Southside at night from the Rotunda by Karl Newton  
Left: Beetham Tower at 'Pagoda Island', gateway to the Southside by Daniel Sturley***



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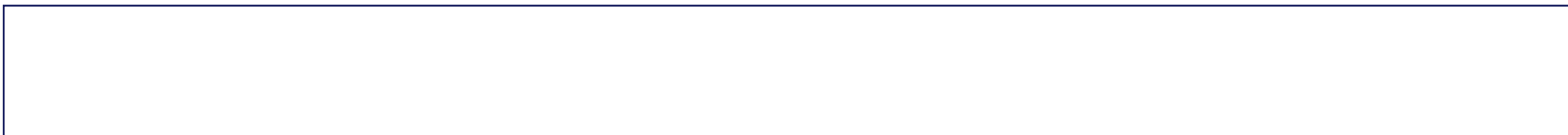
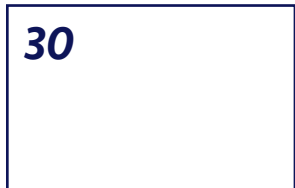
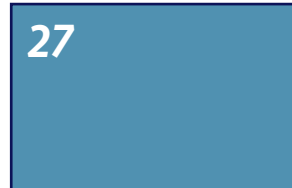
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St Paul's Square



Cathedral Square



Eastside City Park



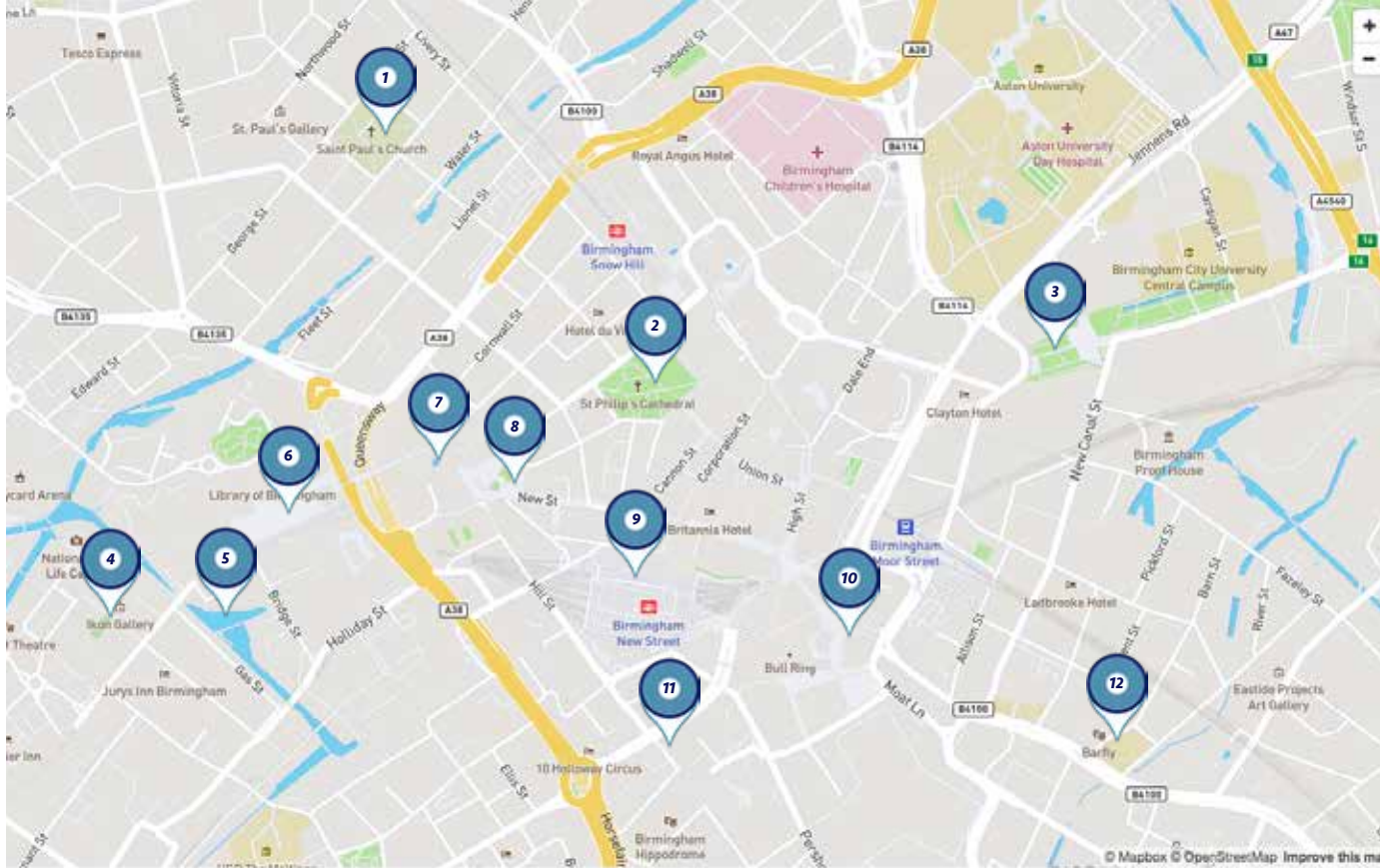
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