

# NOVACON 28

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Guest of Honour: Paul J McAuley.

### **Read Me Outside!**

This publication is a guide to restaurants in the city centre, along with other bits of information that we think might prove useful. Below you will find a map and street index which should help you to plan your route(s).

As we hope to stay in Birmingham city centre for the next few Novacon's we would appreciate contributions for next year's Read Me Outside! and comments on this one. Contact Martin Tudor, 24 Ravensbourne Grove, Willenhall, WV143 1HX or e-mail [martin@empties.demon.co.uk](mailto:martin@empties.demon.co.uk).

### **General Information**

#### Cashpoints/Banks

The nearest cashpoints to the hotel are the two Link machines at Abbey National on the corner of Union Passage (out of the Hotel turn left, facing WH Smiths). However, there is also Lloyds at the base of the Rotunda on New Street (out of the hotel turn right to New Street, left to the end of the road, the Rotunda is on your right) and a Midland by the Ramp (out of hotel to New Street, turn right, cross road, walk to the corner.)

If none of those are of use, the highest concentration of banks, building societies and cashpoints in the city centre is on Bennet's Hill/Colmore Row - consult map.

#### Post Office

There is one in Union Passage walk towards the corner of Union Passage -- out of the Hotel turn left, next door to WH Smiths.

#### Pharmacy

Boots the chemist is on New Street - out of the hotel turn right to New Street, turn left and you are there.



## Eating Out

Listing is by type/variety of food. Obviously I haven't tried all of these personally but those that I have tried and enjoyed are indicated \*

I strongly advise calling in advance and booking a table *wherever* you decide to go -- Birmingham city centre is now very busy!

If you decide to go for Balti you will find you probably need to go for a taxi -- most of the better Baltis are in an area a mile or two from the city centre.

### American

**Old Orleans Restaurant**, 80 Broad Street, 633-9201.

**Hooters Restaurant**, Unit 31, Paradise Forum, Paradise Place, 212-3626.

### Australasian

**Walkabout Inn**, Regency Wharf, 266-271 Broad Street, 632 5712.

### Balti

\* **Punjab Paradise**, 377 Ladypool Road, Sparkbrook, 449-4110,  
(*Wonderful food, great atmosphere*).

**The Celebrity Balti**, 44 Broad Street, 632-6074.

\* **Festival Balti**, The Arcadian Shopping Centre, Hurst Street, 622-6289,  
(*One of the better city centre baltis*).

**I am the King of Baltis**, 230-232 Ladypool Road, Sparkbrook, 449-1170.

**Royal City Balti House**, 201 Corporation Street, 236-8664.

**Royal Naweed**, 44-44a Woodbridge Road, Moseley, 449-2156.

**Shabab**, 163-165 Ladypool Road, Sparkbrook, 440 2893.

### Bangladeshi

**Shah's Restaurant**, 59 Station Street, 643-5723,

(*Cuisine from Bengal and India*).

### Brasseries

**Pals Bar**, Edmund House, Newhall Street, 236-7879.

**Goldies Brasserie**, Copthorne Hotel, Paradise Circus, 200-2727.

### Cantonese

\* **China Court Restaurant**, 24 Ladywell Walk, 666 7031,

(*Nice food, good value for money.*)

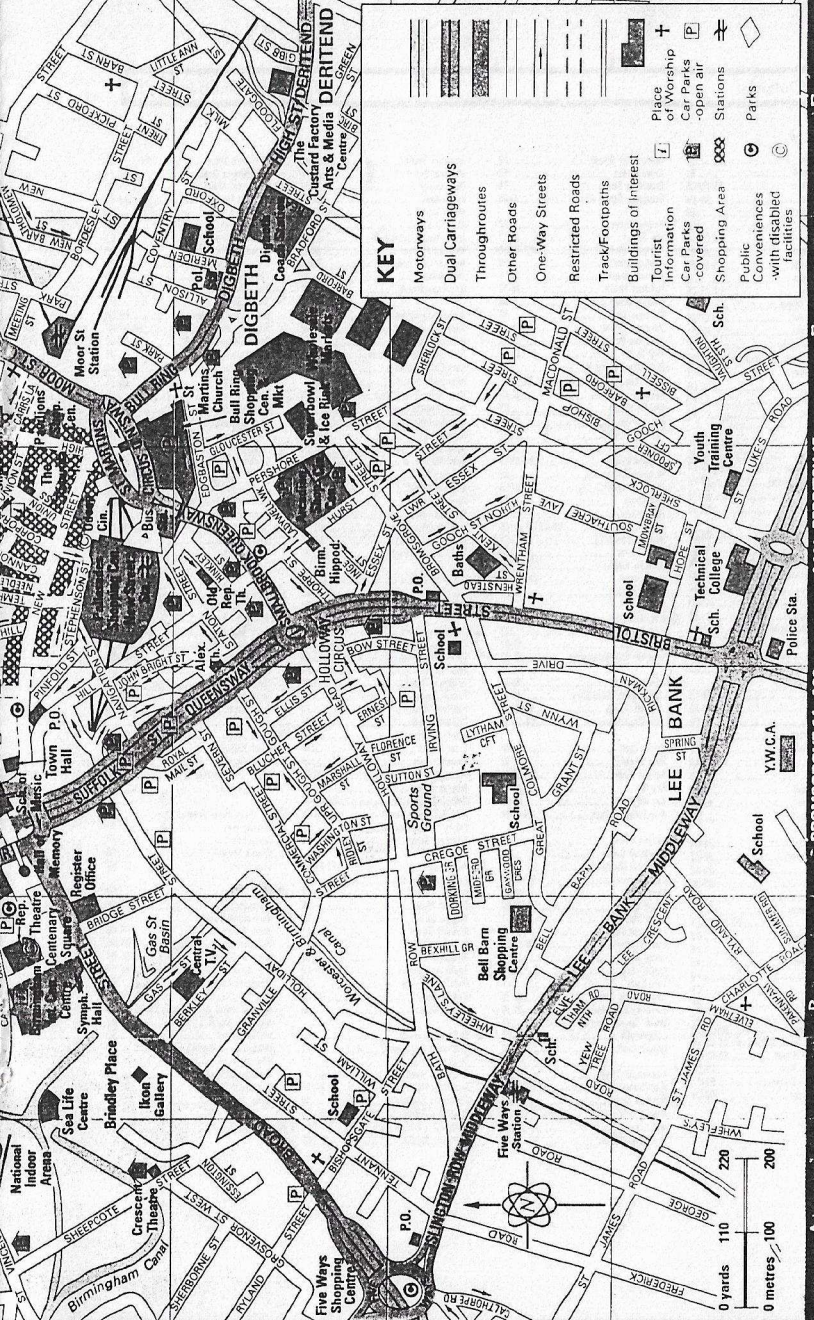






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- Parks
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- Public Conveniences with disabled facilities
- Place of Worship
- Car Parks
- Car Parks - open air covered
- Stations
- Parks





# City centre map

Acorn Grove	A5
Adams Street	F7-F8
Allert Street	E4-E5-F5
Alton Street	A5-A6-B6
Alton Street	E3-E4
All Sam's Road	A8-A7
Ashford Street	E8
Asion Brook Street	E8-F8
Asion Brook Street East	F8
Asion Expressway	F8
Asion Road	E7-F7
Asion Road North	F8
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Attenborough Close	D8
Aurum Street	B7-B6
Bagot Street	E7
Bankers Street	F5-F4
Barford Street	E1-E2-E3
Barn Street	F4
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Bartholomew Street	E5-F5-F4-E4
Barwick Street	D5
Bath Row	A2-B2-C2
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Beck Bar Road	B2-C2-C1
Bennetts Hill	D5-D4
Berkley Street	B4-B3
Berthel Grove	B2
Birkhall Street	F2-F3
Bishop Street	E1-E2
Bishopgate Street	A3-B3-B2
Biswell Street	E1-E2
Blews Street	E7-E8
Blucher Street	C3
Bond Street	D6
Bordestley Street	E4-F4
Bow Street	D3-D2
Bracebridge Street	E8
Bradford Street	E3-F3-F2
Bransford Street	B7
Bransley Street	D8-D7
Brassers Street	E7
Bridge Street	B4-C4
Bridge Street West	D8-D8
Bridley Drive	B4-B5
Bristol Street	D1-D2-D3
Bristol Street	A3-B3-B4-C4
Bromsgrove Street	D2-D3-E3
Brook Street	B5-B6
Buckingham Street	C7-D7
Bull Ring	E4-E3
Bull Street	D5
Calverhoe Road	A2
Cambridge Street	B4-C4
Camden Drive	B5-B6
Camden Street	A5-A5-B5
Cannon Street	D4
Cardigan Street	F6-F5
Caroline Street	B6-B6
Carra Lane	E4
Carver Street	A6-B6-B5
Cecil Street	D7-E7
Chamberlain Square	C5-C4

Chapel Street	E5
Charlotte Road	B1
Charlotte Street	B5-C5-C6
Cherry Street	D5-D4
Chester Street	F8
Church Street	D6
Clement Street	A5-B5
Clarendon Street	D6-D7-E7
Colmore Circus	D5
Colmore Row	C4-C5-D5
Commercial Street	C3
Constitution Hill	C7-C5
Corwall Street	C5-D6
Corporation Square	E5
Corporation Street	D4-D5-E5-E6-F7-F7
Coventry Street	E4-F4-F3
Cox Street	D5
Crayke Street	C2
Curzon Street	F5
Dale End	E4-E5
Daley Close	A5
Dartmouth Circus	E8-F8-F7-E7
Dartmouth Middeley	F7-F6
Digbeth	E3-F3
Dorking Drive	B2-E2
Edgbaston Street	D3-D3
Edmund Street	C5-D5
Edward Street	A5-B5
Elkington Street	E8
Elm Street	A7
Ellis Street	C3
Elvetham Road	B1
Elvetham Road North	B2
Ernest Street	C3-C2
Essex Street	D3-D2
Essington Street	A3
Fazley Street	E4-F4
Five Ways	A2-A3
Fleet Street	B5-C5
Floodgate Street	F3
Flowers Street	C3-C2
Ford Street	A8
Fox Street	E5-F5
Frankfort Street	D8
Frederick Road	A1-A2
Frederick Street	B5
Gas Street	B4-B3
Gaywood Crescent	B2-E2
George Road	A1-A2
George Street	B5-B6
Gibb Street	F3
Gloaguester Street	D3-E3
Googh Street	D2-D1-E2-E1
Googh Street North	D2
Goode Avenue	A8
Goodman Street	A5
Gosspal Street	F5
Gough Street	C3
Graban Street	B6
Grant Street	C2
Granville Street	B3-C3-C2
Great Charles Street Queensway	C5-D5-D6
Great Colmore Street	B2-C2-D2
Great Hampton Row	C7-C8
Great Hampton Street	B7-C7
Great King Street	B9-C8

Great Lister Street	F7
Green Street	F5
Grossener Street	A3-A4
Grosvenor Street West	A3-A4
Hadley Street	B6
Halt Street	B6-B7
Hampton Street	D7-D6-D6
Hanley Street	D7
Harford Street	B7-C7
Halchalt Street	D8-D7
Heaton Street	A8
Hemage Street	F8
Henrietta Street	C6-D6-D7
Henstead Street	D2
High Street	D4-E4
High Street Deritend	F3
Hill Street	C4-D4-D3
Hingston Street	A7-A5
Hinkley Street	D3
Hockley Hill	B8-B7
Hockley Street	B7
Holly Close	B5
Hollyday Street	B3-C3-C4
Holloway Circus	B3
Holloway Head	C2-C3-D3
Holt Street	F7-F6
Hope Street	D1
Hospital Street	D8-C8-D7-D7-D6
Howard Street	D6-C7
Holloway Street	F8-F5
Hurdow Avenue	A8
Hurst Street	D3-D2-E2
Hyllon Street	B7
Icknield Street	A5-A7-A8
Inge Street	D3
Irving Street	C2
Islington Row Middleway	A2-B2
James Street	B6-C6
James Watt Queensway	E5-E5
Jennens Road	E5-F5-F5
John Bright Street	C4-D4-D3
Keisall Croft	A2
Kent Street	D5
Keyton Street	B6-C6-D7
Key Hill	A9-B8
Key Hill Drive	B7-B8
King Edwards Road	A5-A4-B4
Ladypwell Walk	D3
Lancaster Circus	B2
Lee Bank Middleway	B2-B1-C1
Lee Crescent	B2-B1-C1
Legge Lane	B5-B5
Lionel Street	C5-D6-D6
Lister Street	F6-F7
Little Ann Street	F4-F3
Livery Street	C1-C5-D6-D5
Lidgate Road	A8
Lind Street	F7
Low Lane	F7
Lower Essex Street	D2-E2
Lower Lovatay Street	D7-D6
Lower Tower Street	D7
Ludgate Hill	C6-C5
Lytham Croft	C2
Macdonald Street	E7
Manchester Street	E2
Marshall Street	C3
Mary Ann Street	C5
Mary Street	B6-C6
Mashouse Circus	E5

Meriden Street	E3-E4-F4
Midford Grove	B2-C2
Mill Street	F3-F4
Mill Street	E7-E7
Miller Street	D8-E8-F8
Miland Street	E7
Moat Street Queensway	E4-E5
Moorson Street	D8-E8
Mosborough Crescent	B9-B8
Mott Street	C7
Mowbray Street	D1
Navigation Street	C4-D4
Needles Alley	D4
Nelson Street	A5
New Bartholomew Street	E4-F4
New Canal Street	F4-F5
New John Street	E6-E7
New John Street West	A8-B8-C8-D8
New Menting Street	E4
New Spring Street	A6
New Street	C4-D4
New Sumner Street	D7
New Town Row	D8-D7-E8-E7
Newhall Hill	B6-B5
Newhall Street	B6-C6-C5-D5
Newtown Street	E5
Newton Middleway	E8
Northampton Street	B7-B6
Northwood Street	D6-C6
Nova Scotia Street	F5
Old Snow Hill	D6
Old Square	D5-E5
Oxford Street	E3-F3-F4
Pakenham Road	B1
Paradise Circus	B5-C5-C4
Park Road South	A8-A7
Park Street	E4
Pershore Street	D3-E3-E2
Phelps Street	F8
Pickford Street	F4
Pinfold Street	A4-D4
Pilsford Street	C7-B7
Pope Street	A6
Powell Street	A5
Price Street	D6-E6
Princes Street	F5
Princp Street	D5-E6-E7
Priming House Street	D6-D5
Prory Queensway	E5
Prichett Street	E7
Rea Street	E2-E3-E3
Rea Street South	E2
Regent Parade	E2
Regent Place	B6
Richard Street	B6
Richard Street	F7
Rickman Drive	C1-C2-C2
Ridley Street	C3
Royal Mail Street	C4-C3
Ruddington Way	D8
Ryland Road	B1-C1
Ryland Street	D7
St Chad's Circus	D6
St Chad's Queensway	D6-E6
St George's Street	C7
St James Road	A2-A1-B1
St Luke's Road	D1-E1
St Mark's Crescent	A5
St Mark's Street	A5-A6
St Martin's Circus Queensway	D4-E4
St Paul's Square	D8

St Philip's Place	D5
St Stephens Street	D8-E8
St Vincent Street	A4-A5
Sandring Parade	A5-B5
Scotland Street	B5
Severn Street	C3
Shadwell Street	D6
Sheepole Street	A4-A3
Shelford Road	F8
Sherborne Street	A4-A3
Sherlock Street	D1-D2-E2
Silane Street	B5
Smallbrook Queensway	D3-D4
Smith Street	B8-B7-C7
Snow Hill Queensway	D6-D5
Southace Avenue	D1-D2
Spencer Street	D7-D6
Spooner Croft	D1-E1
Spring Street	C1
Stanford Street	E7-E6
Stanley Avenue	B8
Staten Street	D3-D4
Steeshouse Lane	D5-E5-E5
Stephenson Street	D4
Suffolk Street Queensway	C4-C3-C3
Summer Hill Road	A5-A5
Summer Hill Street	A5
Summer Hill Terrace	A5-B5
Summer Lane	D6-D7-D8
Summer Road	B1-C1
Summer Row	B5-C5
Sutton Street	C3-C2
Temple Row	D4-D5
Temple Row West	D5
Tenby Street	D4
Tenby Street	A6-B6
Tenby Street North	A5-B5
Tennant Street	A2-A3-B3
Thorp Street	D3
Tower Street	D7
Townsend Way	A5-B5
Trent Street	F4
Unnett Street	B8-C8-C7
Union Passage	D4
Union Street	D4-E4
Upper Gough Street	C3
Uxbridge Street	C8
Vaughton Street South	E1
Venture Way	F7-F6
Vesey Street	E6
Witons Street	B6
Yse Street	B7-B6
Ward Street	D7
Warstone Lane	A6-B6
Washington Street	C3
Water Street	C5-D5
Waterloo Street	C4-D4-D5
Wean Street	D6-D5
Well Street	D7-D8
Wheeleys Lane	B2
Wheeleys Road	A1-B1-E1
Whitall Street	D5-D5-E5
Whitmore Street	A8
William Street	B3
William Street North	D7
Windsor Street	F7
Woodcock Street	F6
Wrenham Street	D2-E2
Wynn Street	C2
Yew Tree Road	B7-B1



**Chung Ying Cantonese Restaurant**, 16-18 Wrottesley Street, 622 5569.  
**Chung Ying Garden Cantonese Restaurant**, 17 Thorp Street, 666-6622.

\* **Henry's Cantonese Restaurant**, 27 St Paul's Square, 200-1136,  
(*Very good, but expensive.*)

**Mr Yeung Cantonese Restaurant**, B201 Arcadian Centre (same level as cinema), Ladywell Walk, 622-5677.

**Tin Tin Cantonese Restaurant**, 9F The Water's Edge, Brindley Place, Broad Street, 633-0888.

### Chinese

**Clover Chinese Restaurant**, 39 Cannon Street, 643-0095.

**Dynasty Restaurant**, 93-103 Hurst Street, 622-1410.

### Cafe Bars

**Netplay Cafe**, (Internet/WP Access), 8 Fletchers Walk, Paradise Circus, 248-2228.

### English/Continental

**All Bar One**, 43 Newhall Street, 212-1227.

**Berlioz Restaurant**, 6 Burlington Arcade, 126 New Street, 643-9191.

### International

**Carte Blanche**, 10-12 Holloway Circus, Smallbrook Queensway, 643-0101.

**The Brasshouse**, 44 Broad Street, 633-3383.

**The Bucklemaker Wine Bar & Restaurant**, 30 Mary Ann Street, St Paul's Square, 200-2515.

**Carpe Diem**, 48 Great Charles Street, 212-2345.

**The Green Room Cafe Bar**, Hurst Street, 605-4343.

**Left Bank Restaurant**, Broad Street, 643 4464.

**Olivier's Restaurant**, Centenary Square, Broad Street, 644-6464.

### French

**Dome**, Ladywell Walk (next to Ibis Hotel), 622-3999.

\* **Michelle's La Bastille Restaurant Francais**, 220 Corporation Street, (opposite Law Courts) 236-1171. (*Excellent value for money, good food and extensive foreign beer menu!*)

### Greek

**Athens Greek Restaurant**, 30-31 Paradise Circus, 643-5523.

**Bambos Greek Restaurant**, 113 John Bright Street, 643-5621.

**New Salamis**, 51 Station Street, 643-2997.



### Italian

Ciao Bella, Fletchers Walk, Paradise Circus, 233-2484.

### Japanese

Shogun Teppanyaki, Unit 15F, The Waters Edge, Brindley Place, 66 Broad Street, 643-1856.

Taipan Oriental Restaurant, 1st Floor, 2a Wrottesley Street, 622-3883.

### Latin American

Las Iguanas, Arcadian Centre, Hurst Street, 622-4466.

### Mediterranean

\*Circo Tapas Bar, 6-8 Holloway Circus, 643-1400.

(Good food, but dangerously close to Andromeda bookshop - so it could work out expensive).

St Paul's Bar & Restaurant, 50-54 St Paul's Square, 605-1001.

### Persian

Festival Restaurant, 14 Fletchers Walk, Paradise Circus, 200-1504.

### Seafood

Oceanic Restaurant, 91 Livery Street, 236-7500.

### Spanish

\*Caso Paco, 7 Fletchers Walk, Paradise Circus, 233-1533

(Excellent food - especially seafood, good service, reasonably priced, live music).

### Thai

Mai Thai, 178 Broad Street, Five Ways, 643-8216.

### Vegetarian

The Warehouse Cafe, Friends of the Earth, 54 Allison Street, Digbeth, 633-0261.

Wild Oats Vegetarian Restaurant, 5 Raddlebarn Road, Selly Oak, 471-2459.

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