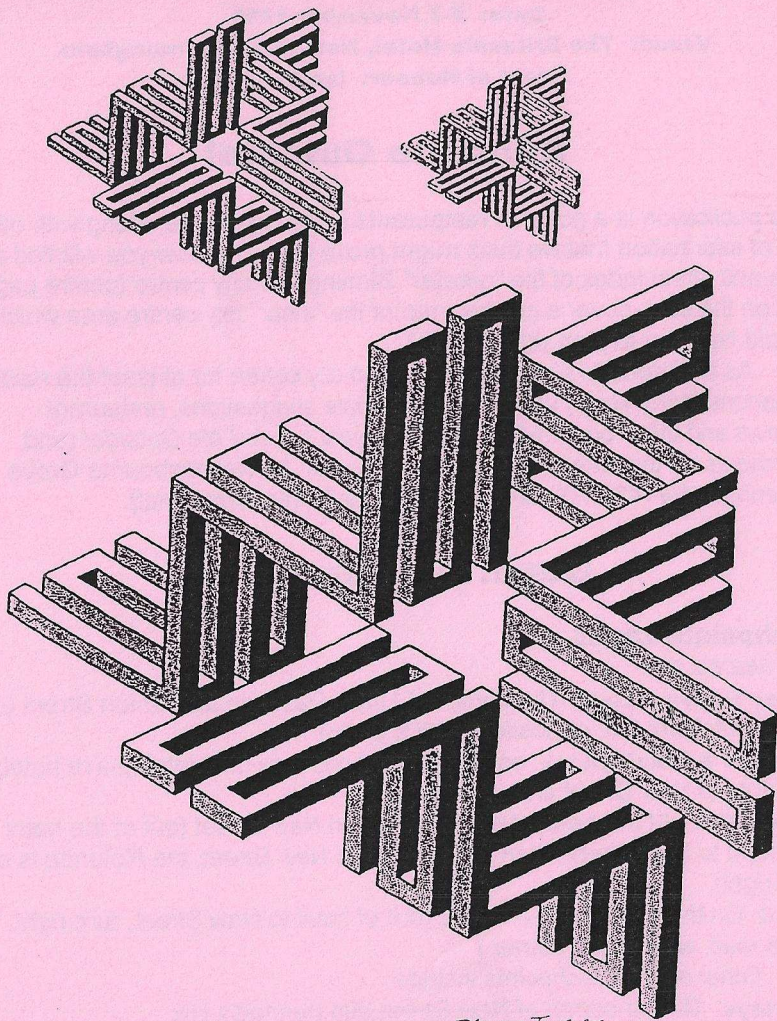


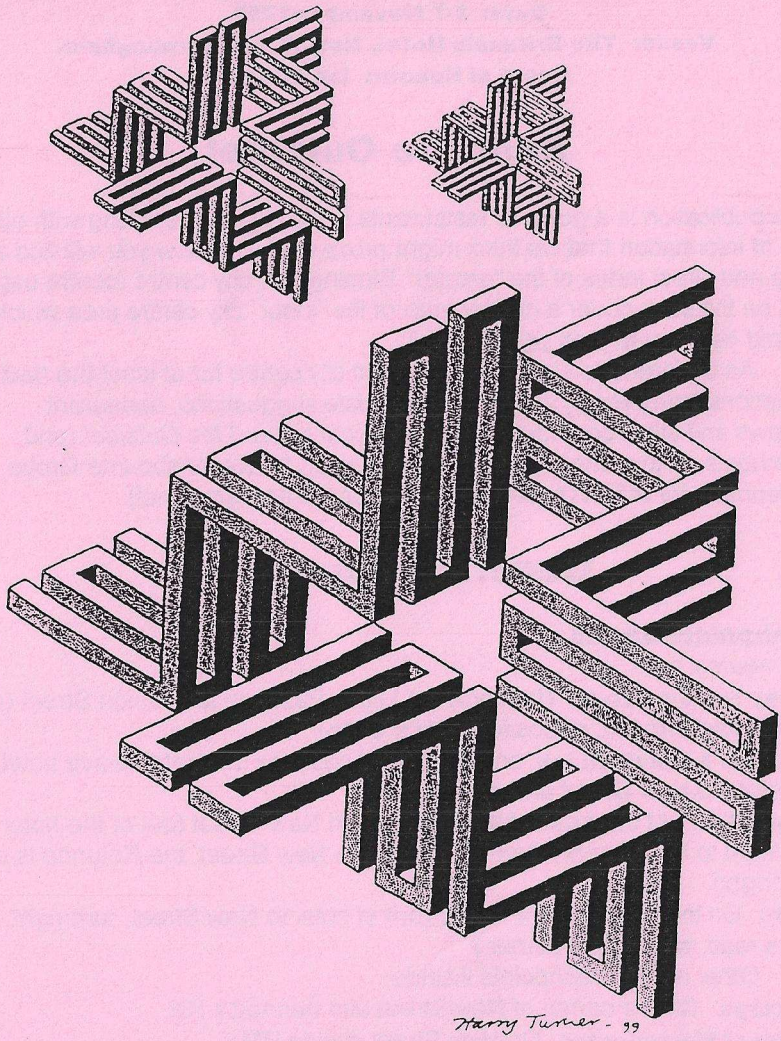
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Date: 5-7 November 1999.

Venue: The Britannia Hotel, New Street, Birmingham.

Guest of Honour: Ian Stewart.

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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 of the "greater" Birmingham city centre (centre pages) and on the back cover a clearer map of the "inner" city centre area which should help you to plan your route(s).

As we intend to stay in Birmingham city centre for at least the next few Novacons (sorry Rog!) we would appreciate suggestions, restaurant reviews and other contributions for next year's *Read Me Outside!* (and comments on this one). write to Martin Tudor, 24 Ravensbourne Grove, Willenhall, WV143 1HX (or e-mail empties@breathemail.net).

General Information

Cashpoints/Banks

The nearest are:

Abbey National/Link: The corner of Union Passage and Union Street (out of the Hotel turn left, opposite Baker's Oven).

Bradford & Bingley/Link: on New Street opposite the Hotel (leave hotel, turn right to New Street and cross road).

Lloyds/TSB: At the base of the Rotunda on New Street (out of the hotel turn right to New Street, then left to the end New Street, the Rotunda is on your right).

HSBC: On the corner of the Ramp (out of hotel to New Street, turn right, cross road, walk to the corner.)

Other nearby cashpoints include:

Barclays: On the corner of New Street and Bennett's Hill.

National Westminster: On High Street beside HMV.

Nationwide/Link: On the High Street by Waterstones.

If none of these are of use, the highest concentration of banks, building societies and cashpoints in the city centre is on Bennett's Hill/Colmore Row.

Post Office

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

Pharmacy

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

Buses/Trains

Centro Hotline: For up to date information on all bus and train times across the West Midlands area call 200-2700.

West Midlands Travel Information: For specific information about WMT buses call 356-4521.

National Rail Enquiries: Call 0345-484950.

Railtrack: On line interactive timetable <http://www.railtrack.co.uk>

National Express: 0990-010104.

Taxis

T.O.A.: Hackney carriage - 236-8888.

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 *.

Where known I have included the opening times and/or telephone numbers. 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 get a taxi -- most of the better Baltis are in an area a mile or two from the city centre. However, all restaurants and other establishments listed here are within the "greater city centre area" unless otherwise stated.

American

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

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

Ronnie Scott's Club, Broad Street, 643-4525.

Australasian

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

Austrian

Franzi's, 151 Milcote Road, Bearwood, 429-7920 (NB: *this is off the map, beyond the "greater" Birmingham city centre area*).

Balti

* **Punjab Paradise**, 377 Ladypool Road, Sparkbrook, 449-4110, (Wonderful food, great atmosphere - NB: *this is off the map, beyond the "greater" Birmingham city centre area*).

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 (NB: *this is off the map, beyond the "greater" Birmingham city centre area*).

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

Royal Naweed, 44-44a Woodbridge Road, Moseley, 449-2156 (NB: *this is off the map, beyond the "greater" Birmingham city centre area*).

Shabab, 163-165 Ladypool Road, Sparkbrook, 440 2893 (NB: *this is off the map, beyond the "greater" Birmingham city centre area*).

Bangladeshi

Shah's Restaurant, 59 Station Street, 643-5723, (Cuisine from Bengal and India, open 5.45pm-late).

Brassieres

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

Goldies Brassiere, Copthorne Hotel, Paradise Circus, 200-2727.

Café Bars/Coffee Shops

Costa: Cuore d'italia, Corporation Street/Cherry Street.

Waterstones/Coffee Republic, 24/26 High Street, 633-4353. (Open Fri 9am-8pm, Sat 9am-6.30pm, Sun 11am-5pm.)

Cantonese

* **China Court Restaurant**, 24 Ladywell Walk, 666 7031, (Nice food, good value for money.)

Chung Ying Cantonese Restaurant, 16-18 Wrottesley Street, 622 5569/1793.

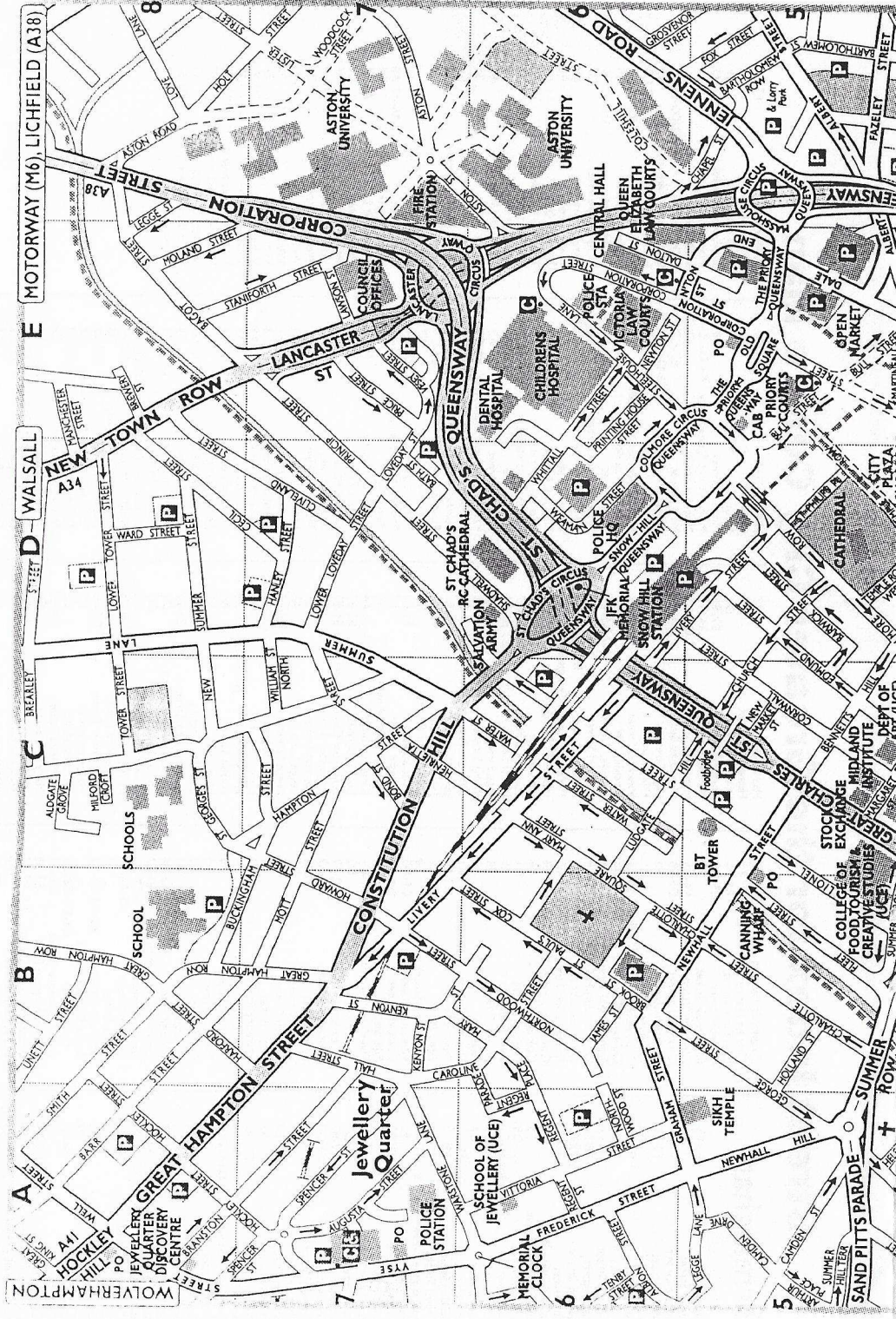
Chung Ying Garden Cantonese Restaurant, 17 Thorp Street, 666-6622/622-1668.

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

Street Index for the Greater City Centre Map

Birmingham

Albert Street	E5-F5	Chapmans Passage	C2	Hall Street	B7	Milford Croft	C8	Stanhorth Street	E7-F7
Albion Street	A6	Charles Henry Street	F1	Hampton Street	C7	Mill Lane	F3	Station Street	D3
Aldgate Grove	C8	Church Street	B5-B6	Hanley Street	D7	Moat Lane	F3	Steelhouse Lane	E6
Allison Street	A6	Claybrook Street	C5-D5	Harford Street	B7-B8	Moland Street	E8	Stephenson Street	D4
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Ashton Road	F8	Cleveland Street	A4-A5	Henrietta Street	C6-C7	Moseley Street	F2	Suffolk Street	
Asxton Lane	F8	Coleridge Street	D7-D8	Henstead Street	D1-E1	Mort Street	B7-C7	Queensway	D2-D3
Aston Road	F8	Colmore Circus	F6	High Street	E4	Navigation Street	D3-D4	Summer Hill Terrace	E3-E4
Augusta Street	A7	Colmore Row	D5-D6	Hinckley Street	F4	Necess Alley	C3-D4	Summer Lane	A5
Bagot Street	E8-F8	Commercial Street	C4-D4	Hockley Hill	D3-E3	New Barnolomew Street	D4-D5	Summer Row	C7-D7
Barford Street	F1-F2	Constitution Hill	B2-C2	Holland Street	A8	New Market Street	F4	Swallow Row	C4
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Beak Street	D7	Cox Street	B6	Holloway Head	D2	Newhall Hill	A5	Tennant Street	A6
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Bissell Street	F1	Dorling Grove	F3	Islington Row	C1-D1	Paradise Circus	B4-C4	Upper Gough Street	B8
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Bond Street	C7	Eden Place	C4-C5	Jennens Road	F5-F6	Pinfold Street	F2-E2	Vesey Street	E7
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Brenley Street	C8-D8	Edmund Street	C5-D5	Kent Street	E1-E2	Printing House Street	D7-E7	Victoria Street	A6
Brewery Street	E8	Ellis Street	D2	King Edwards Road	B4	Rea Street	D6-E6	Wyse Street	A6-A7
Bridge Street	B3	Elvetnam Road North	B1-C1	Kingston Row	A4	Rea Street South	A2	Ward Street	D8
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Brindley Place	A3	Essex Street	D2-E2	Lancaster Circus	E6-E7	Regent Place	A6-B6	Washington Street	C2
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Broad Street	D1-D2	Ethel Street	A2	Leaze Street	E7	Rickman Drive	A6	Waterloo Street	C4-D4
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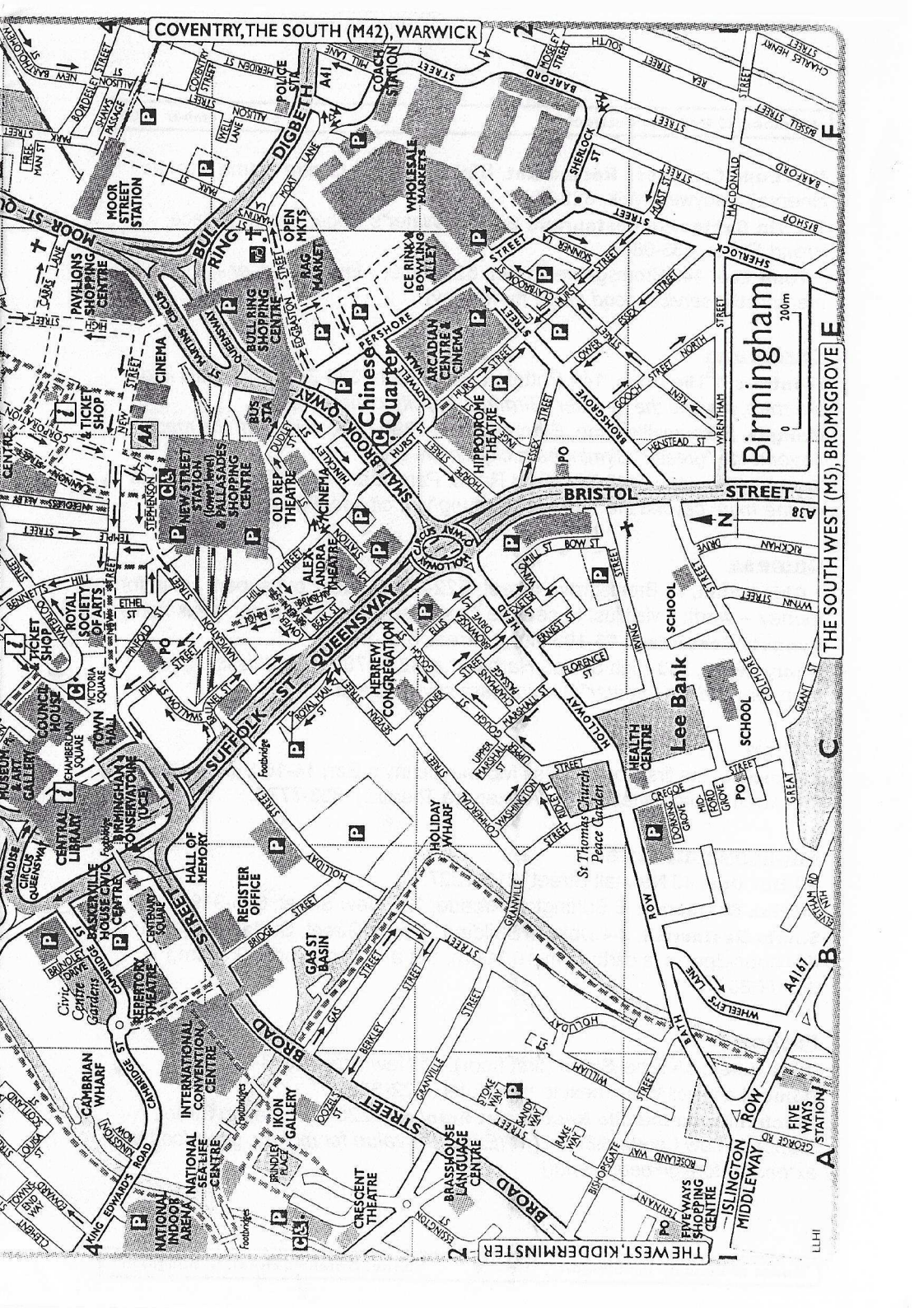
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Mr Yeung Cantonese Restaurant, B201 Arcadian Centre (same level as cinema), Ladywell Walk, 622-5677.

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

* **Tong Lee**, 148 Bromsgrove Street, 622-1989, (*lovely food, er-memorable service, good value for money*).

Caribbean

Frontiers @ The Drum, 144 Potters Lane, Aston, 333-2446 (*NB: this is off the map, beyond the "greater" Birmingham city centre area*).

Mangos, 3 Bournville Lane, Stirchley, 458-2690 (*NB: this is off the map, beyond the "greater" Birmingham city centre area*).

Taste of Paradise, 446 Birchfield Road, Perry Barr, 344-3744 (*NB: this is off the map, beyond the "greater" Birmingham city centre area*).

Chinese

* **China Villa**, 54 Bromsgrove Street, 622-4730 (basic, but superb value for money -- worth a visit just to see the chap memorise your order, pens hah!)

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

Henry Wong, 283 High Street, Harbourne, 427-9799 (*NB: this is off the map, beyond the "greater" Birmingham city centre area*).

Cuban

El Paraiso, the first floor of Miss Monneypenny's Bar, 14-16 Suffolk Street (between Andromeda and the Alexandra Theatre), 633-7770.

English/Continental

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

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

Saints Restaurant, 3-4 Dakota Building, James Street, St Pauls Square, (Fri noon-3pm, a la carte 7pm-10.30pm, Sat a la carte 7pm-10.30pm,) 687-8686.

French

Chez Jules, 5A Ethel Street (first floor), off New Street, 633-4664.

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

Alexander the Great, 61 Station Street, 633-7676.

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

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

Greek Connection, 51 Station Street, 643-2997.

Zorbas's, 359-361 Olton Boulevard East, Acocks Green, 706-4709 (NB: *this is off the map, beyond the "greater" Birmingham city centre area*).

Indian

Knowle Indian Brasserie, 1690 High Street, Knowle, 01564-77453 - *voted best Indian in Solihull. (NB: this is off the map, beyond the "greater" Birmingham city centre area).*

Maharaja, 23-25 Hurst Street, 622-2641/3113, (*not cheap -- but absolutely wonderful food*).

Milan, 93 Newhall Street, 236-0671/0673.

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 Fiddle & Bone, 4 Sheepcote Street, 200-2223.

Globe Restaurant, Chamberlain Tower Hotel, Broad Street, 626-0626.

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.

Princess Helena Restaurant, Chamberlain Park Hotel, Alcester Street, 627-0627.

Primitivo, 10 Barwick Street, 236-6866.

Simply Blue, Avebury House, 55 Newhall Street, 200-2650.

Internet/Cyber Cafés

Internet Exchange, (E-mail/Internet Access) 66a East Mews, Pallasades Shopping Centre, 633-9803.

Netplay Cafe, (Internet), 8 Fletchers Walk, Paradise Circus, 248-2228.

Italian

Caffe Uno, 126 Colmore Row, 212-0599.

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

La Galleria, Paradise Place, 236-1006.

Midas Italiano, 120 Vyse Street, Jewellery Quarter, 604-3355.

Pizza Hut, New Street (opposite the Britannia Hotel).

San Carlo Ristorante Pizzeria, 4 Temple Street, 633-0251.

Sfizio Restorante Italiano, the Arcadian, Ladywell Walk, 622-7009.

Japanese

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

Korean

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

Latin American

Las Iguanas, Arcadian Centre, Hurst Street, (open "7 days, 12-late") 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 - serves food from noon-2am*).

St Paul's Bar & Restaurant, 50-54 St Paul's Square, (lunch menu noon-6pm, a la carte menu 6pm-10pm,) 605-1001.

Mongolian

The Mongolian Bar & Restaurant, Ludgate Hill (off St Paul's Square), "all you can eat stir fry", 236-3842.

Pakistani

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

Lahore Karahi, 357-363 Ladypool Road, Sparkbrook, 449-9007 (*NB: this is off the map, beyond the "greater" Birmingham city centre area*).

Sher Khan, 358-360 Stratford Road, Sparkhill, 766-8766 (*NB: this is off the map, beyond the "greater" Birmingham city centre area*).

Persian

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

Pub Meals

* **Bennett's**, Bennett's Hill, 643-9293 (*pricey, but big portions*).

The Old Monk, 230 Broad Street, 633-3803.

* **The Square Peg**, 115 Corporation Street (corner Bull Street), 236-6530.
The 82nd Wetherspoon's pub to open, serves an extensive menu throughout the day and evening, (*good value for money, but standard fare*).

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*).

Los Canarias, 105 Albert Street, 236-3495/233-2759.

Takeaway

2000 Fish Bar, Navigation Street/John Bright Street.

Burgerking, New Street, (Fri/Sat 9am-11pm, Sun 10am-9pm).

Dale End Chippy, Dale End.

KFC, on New Street at the base of the Rotunda.

MacDonalds, Dale End, (Fri/Sat 7am-12am, Sun 7am-11.30pm).

MacDonalds, the Ramp to the Pallasades from New Street.

Mr Egg, Hurst Street, (open Fri/Sat until 3am, Sun until "late").

Subway, 85 Bull Street, (Fri 8am-9pm, Sat 9am-9pm, Sun 11am-7pm).

Wimpy, Dale End, (Fri 9.30am-6.15pm, Sat 9am-6.15pm, Sun 11am-5pm).

Thai

Mai Thai, 178 Broad Street, Five Ways, 643-8216 (*NB: this is off the map, beyond the "greater" Birmingham city centre area*).

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

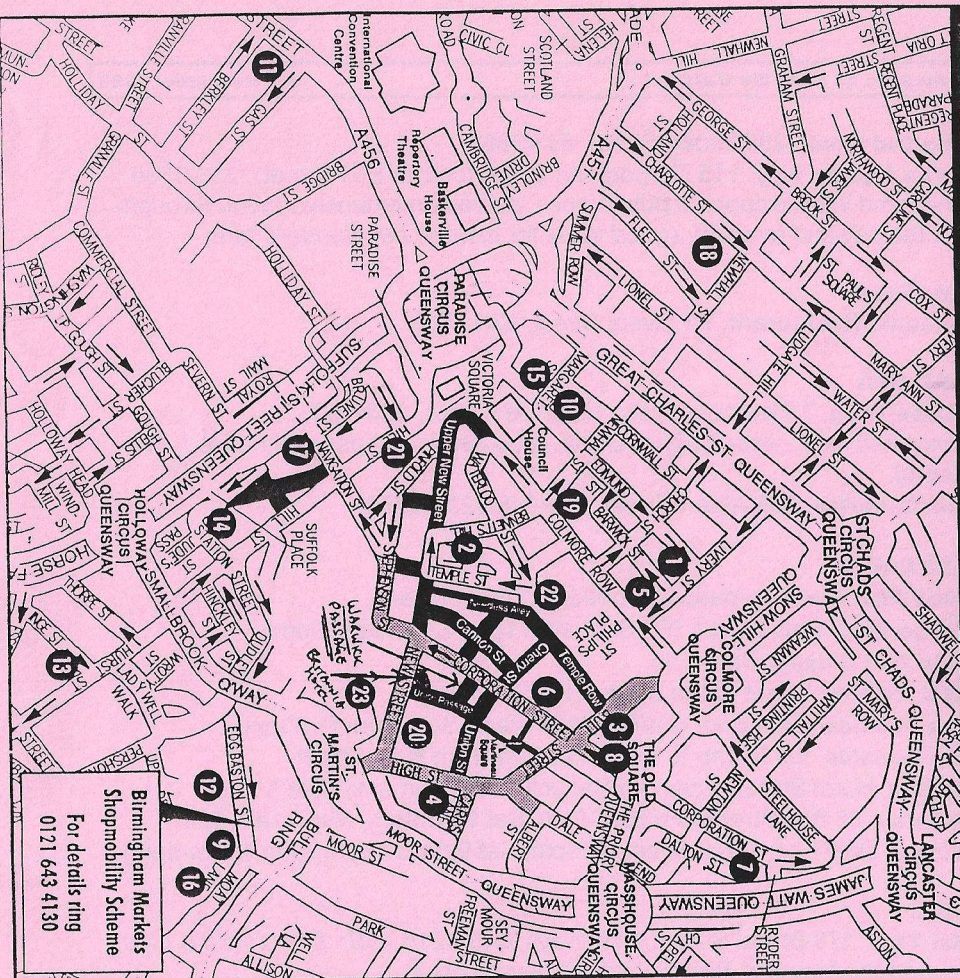
Vegetarian

The Warehouse Cafe, 54 Allison Street, Digbeth, (above Friends of the Earth, open Fri noon-2.30pm, 5.30pm-9pm, Sat noon-9pm, Sun noon-2.30pm), 633-0261 (*NB: this is off the map, beyond the "greater" Birmingham city centre area*).

Wild Oats Vegetarian Restaurant, 5 Raddlebarn Road, Selly Oak, 471-2459 (*NB: this is off the map, beyond the "greater" Birmingham city centre area*).

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8	Corporation Street (outside Temple Court)	7	OS
9	Edgbaston Street (St. Martins Church)	13	OS
10	Edmund Street (near Margaret Street)	3	NS
11	Goose Street (near Broad Street)	2	OS
12	Gloucester Street	9	NS
13	Hurst Street (near Inge Street)	2	OS
14	John Bright Street (near Alexandra Theatre)	4	NS
15	Margaret Street (near Cornwall Street)	4	NS
16	Moor Lane	3	OS
17	Navigation Street (near John Bright Street)	3	NS
18	Newhall Street (near Charlotte Street)	2	NS
19	Newhall Street (near Colmore Row)	3	OS
20	New Street (near Boots the Chemists)	3	OS
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