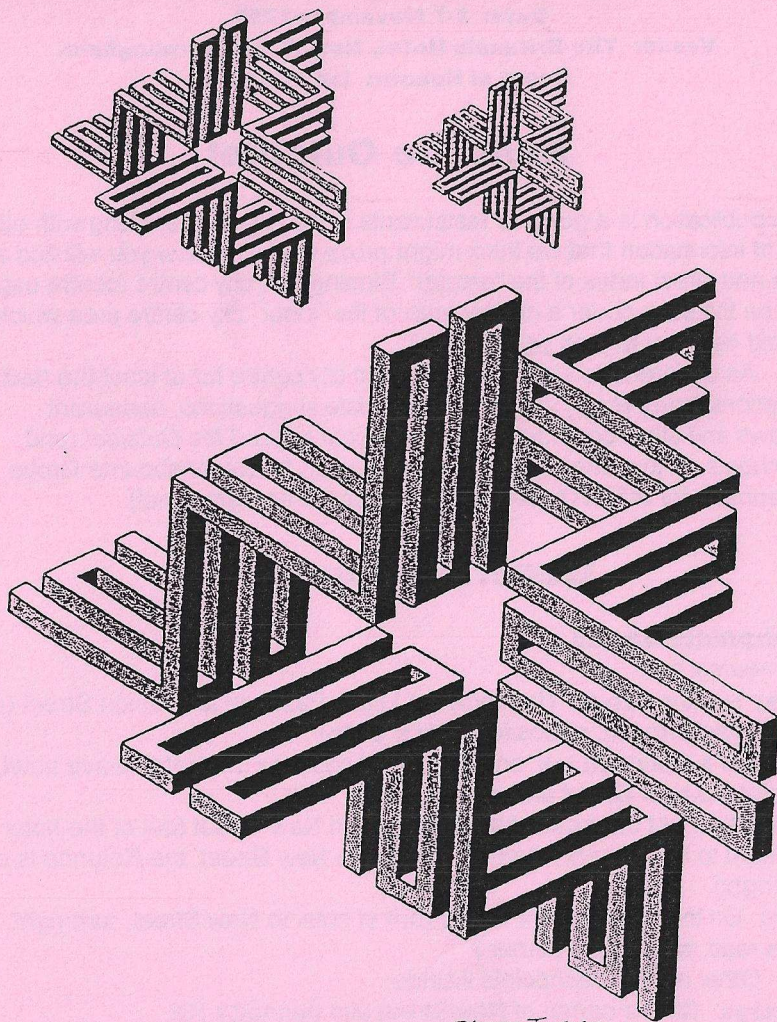


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Read Me Outside!

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Date: 10-12 November 2000.

Venue: The Britannia Hotel, New Street, Birmingham.

Guest of Honour: Chris Priest.

Special Guest: Rog Peyton. Guest Artist: David A, Hardy.

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 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).

Any comments regarding this publication would be much appreciated - 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 W.H. Smiths).

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

Lloyds/TSB: On New Street, opposite the Britannia Hotel (out of the hotel turn right to New Street and cross over).

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.

Halifax: On Dale End next to Gilesports.

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.

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.

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 Union Street - out of the hotel turn left walk up to W.H. Smiths and turn right. Boots is on your left facing BHS.

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.

Events

A couple of items that might be of interest to Novacon members:

BOOK & PRINT FAIR at the Soho House Museum, from 10am-4.30pm on 11th and 12th November. Antiquarian book and print sellers from across the Midlands. Admission free. Call 0121-554-9122 for details.

TERRY PRATCHETT signing at Andromeda Book Shop from 11am on 11th November. Call 0121-643-1999 for further details.

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

Franzl'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*).

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.)

Street Index for the Greater City Centre Map

Birmingham

Albert Street	E5-F5	Chapmans Passage	C2	Hall Street	B7	Milford Croft	C8	Stanforth Street	E7-F7
Albion Street	A5	Charles Henry Street	F1	Hampton Street	C7	Mill Lane	F3	Station Street	D3
Aldgate Grove	C8	Church Street	B5-B6	Harford Street	C7	Moat Lane	F3	Steelhouse Lane	E6
Allison Street	F3-F4	Clybrook Street	C5-D5	Helena Street	B7-B8	Moland Street	E8	Stephenson Street	D4
Arthur Place	A5	Clement Street	A4-A5	Henrietta Street	C6-C7	Moor Street	E4-F4	Stoke Way	A2
Aston Road	F8	Cleveland Street	D7-D8-E8	High Street	D1-E1	Moseley Street	F2	Suffolk Street	
Aston Street	F6-F7	Colmore Circus	F6	Hill Street	E4	Most Street		Queensway	
Bagot Street	A7	Colmore Row	D5-D6-E5-E6	Hinckley Street	D3-C4	Navigation Street	B7-C7	Summer Hill Terrace	D2-D3-E3-E4
Barford Street	F1-F2-F3	Constitution Hill	B2-C2-C3	Hockley Hill	D3-E3	Needless Alley	D4-D5	Summer Lane	A3
Barr Street	A8-B8	Coramwall Street	C5-D5	Holland Street	A7-A8-B8	New Bartholomew Street	F4	Summer Row	C7-D7-D8
Bartholomew Row	F5	Corporation Street	D4-E4-E5-E6	Holliday Street	B1-B2-B3-C3	New Street	C4-D4-E4	Swallow Street	A5-B5-C4
Barwick Street	F5	Cox Street	F4	Holloway Circus	Queensway	New Town Row	D8-E8	Temple Row	D4-D5-E5
Bath Row	C5-D5	Cox Street	B6	Holloway Head	C2-D2	Newhall Hill	A5	Temple Row West	D5
Bath Street	A1-B1-C1	Crage Street	C1	Holt Street	F7-F8	Newton Street	B6-B6-C6	Temple Street	D4
Beak Street	D7	Dale End	E5	Hurst Street	B7-C7	Northwood Street	A6-B6-B7	Tenny Street	A6
Bennetts Hill	D5	Dalton Street	E6	Inge Street	D2-E2	Old Square	E3	Tennant Street	A1-A2
Berkley Street	C5-D5-D4	Digbeth	F3	Irving Street	C1-D1-D2	Oozals Street	A5	The Priory Queensway	E5
Bishop Street	A3-B3-B4	Dorking Grove	C1	Islington Row	Queensway	Paradise Circus	B4-C4	Tower Street	C8
Bishopsgate Street	F1-F2	Dudley Street	D3-E3	James Street	A1-B1	Park Street	F3-F4-F5	Townsend Way	A4
Bissole Street	F1	Eden Place	C4-C5	Jennens Road	B6	Perth Street	P2-E2-E3	Unnet Street	B8
Blunier Street	F1	Edmond Street	E3	John Bright Street	F5-F6	Pinfold Street	C4-D4	Upper Gough Street	C2
Bond Street	C3-C2-D2	Edward Street	C5-D5	Kent Street	D3	Pine Street	E7	Upper Marshall Street	C2
Bond Street	C7	Ellis Street	A4-A5	Kenyon Street	E1-E2	Princip Street	D7-E7	Vesey Street	E7
Bow Street	D2	Elvetham Road	D2	King Edward's Road	B7	Printing House Street	D6-E6	Victoria Square	C4
Brewley Street	A8-A7-B7	Ernest Street	D2	Kingston Row	A4	Rea Street	A2	Wyse Street	A6-A7-A8
Brewley Street	C8-D8	Essex Street	D2	Ladywell Walk	E2-E3	Regent Parade	F1-F2	Ward Street	D8
Briggs Street	B8	Essington Street	D2-E2	Lancaster Circus	E6-E7	Regent Place	A6-B6	Warstone Lane	A6-B6
Brindley Drive	B3	Ethel Street	A2	Lancaster Street	E7	Regent Street	A6-B6	Water Street	C2
Brindley Place	B4	Fazeley Street	D2	Lawson Street	E7	Ridley Square	D1	Waterloo Street	B6
Bristol Street	A3	Fleet Street	F5	Legge Lane	A5	Roseland Way	C2	Weaman Street	C4-D4
Broad Street	D1-D2	Florence Street	B5	Lionel Street	E8-B8	Royal Mill Street	A1	Well Lane	F3
Broad Street	A2-A3-B3-B4	Fox Street	C2	Liver Street	F7-F8	Sand Pits Parade	C3	Wheeleys Lane	A8
Brook Street	B6	Frederick Street	F5-F6	Louis Street	B7-B6-C6-D6-D5	Sandy Way	A5	Whitall Street	B1
Brownsea Drive	C2-D2	Freeman Street	F4	Love Lane	F8	Severn Street	A4	William Street	D4-E6
Brunel Street	C7	Gas Street	B3	Lovely Street	D7-E7	Shadwell Street	C3	Willmill Street	A1-A2-B2
Buckingham Street	B8-B7-C7	George Road	A1	Lower Essex Street	E1-E2	Shaws Passage	F4	Woodcock Street	C7-D7
Bull King	E4-F5	Gooch Street	A5-B5-B6	Lower Lovydale Street	D7	Skinner Lane	E1-F1-F2	Wrentham Street	D2
Bull Street	E5	Gough Street	C2-D2	Lower Severn Street	D8	Smith Street	A8-B8	Wyndham Street	F7
Camden Drive	A4-B4	Graham Street	A5-A6-B6	Ludgate Hill	D3	Smallbrook Queensway	D2-D3-E3	Wynm Street	D1
Camden Street	A5	Grant Street	C1	Macedonall Street	C5-C6	Spencer Street	D6		
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Caroline Street	B6-B7	Queensway	C4-C5-C6-D6	Margaret Street	C3	St Georges Street	D6-D7-E7		
Cars Lane	E4	Great Colmore Street	C1-D1	Marshall Street	C2	St Martin's Lane	C8		
Cecil Street	D7-D8	Great Hampton Row	E4-E5	Marunau Square	C6	St Paul's Square	E3-E4		
Centenary Square	B4	Great Hampton Street	A8-A7-B7	Mary Ann Street	B6-B7	St Phillips Place	B6-C6		
Chamberlain Square	F5-F6	Great King Street	A8	Mary Street	F3		D5		
Chapel Street		Grosvenor Street	F5-F6	Midford Grove	C1				

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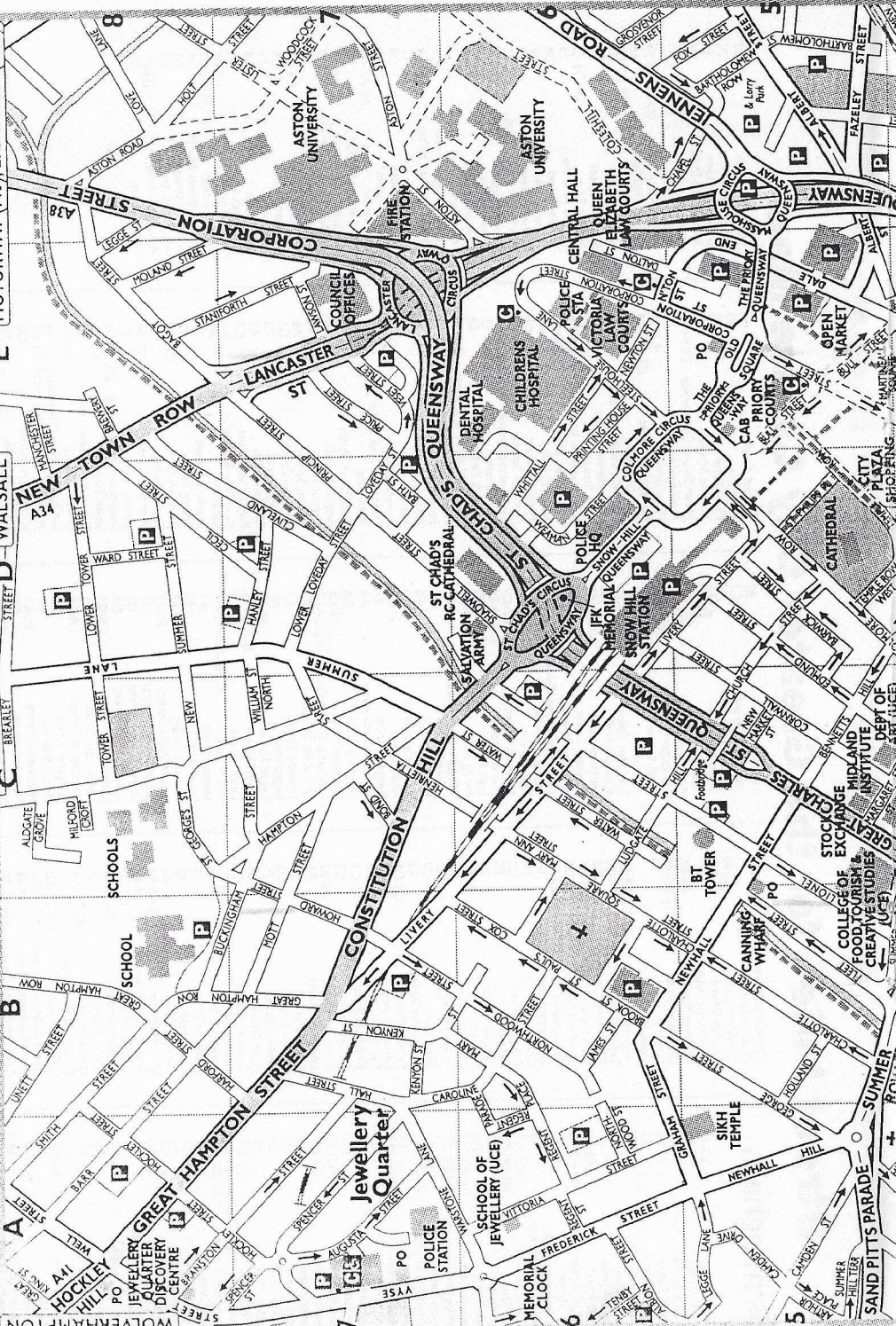
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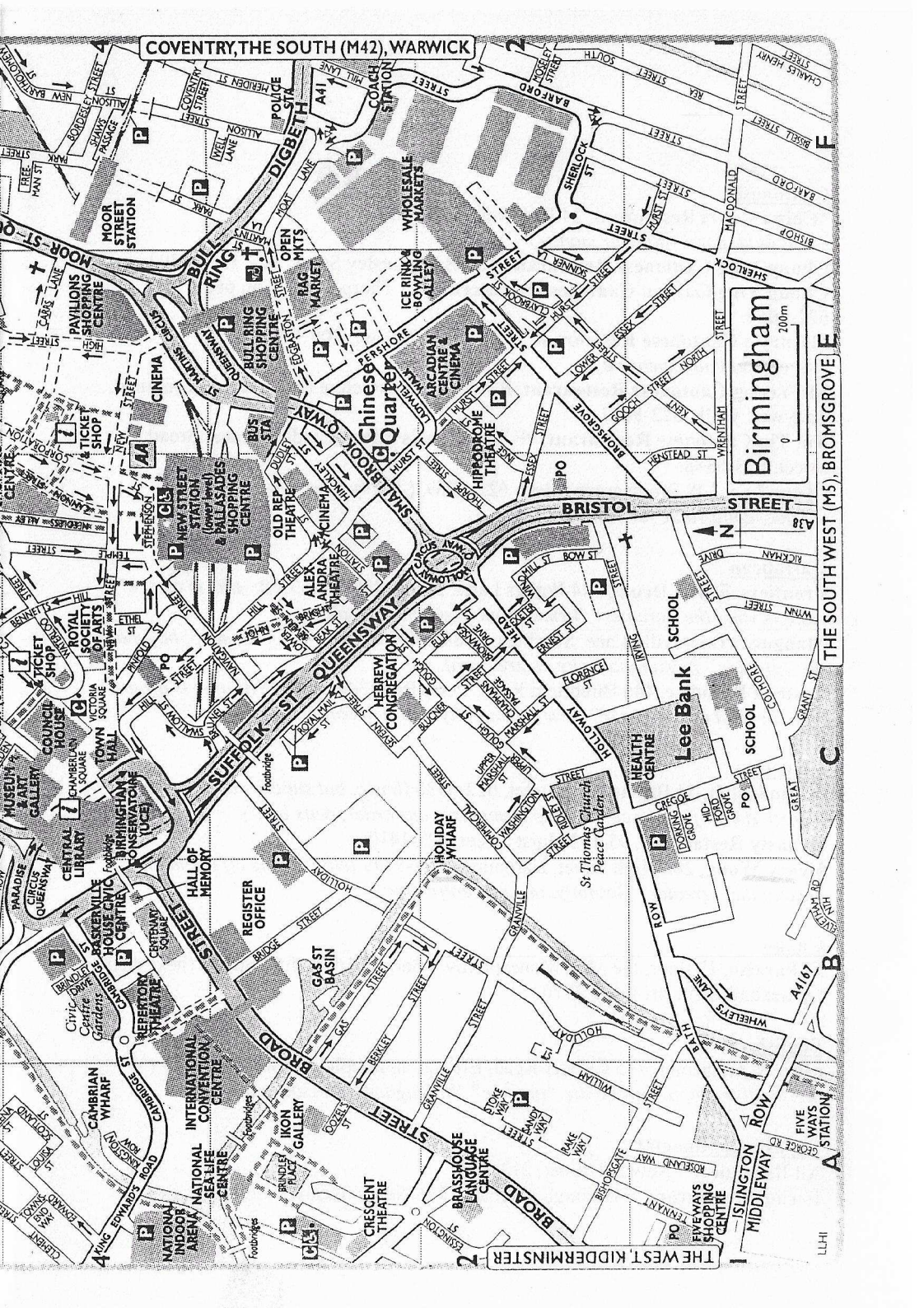
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THE SOUTH WEST (M5), BROMSGROVE

THE WEST KIDDERMINSTER

Cantonese

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

(Nice food, good value for money.)

Chung Ying Cantonese Restaurant, 16-18 Wrotesley 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.)

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, 1st floor, the Miss Moneypeany's Bar, 14-16 Suffolk Street, (next door
to Alexandra Theatre), 633 7770.

English

Clovers Restaurant, 775 Chester Road, Erdington, freephone 0800 698 9705 *(NB:
this is off the map, beyond the "greater" Birmingham city centre area).*

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

Bank Restaurant & Bar, 4 Brindley Place, 633 4466.

***Chez Jules**, 5A Ethel Street (first floor), off New Street, 633-4664 (*good food, laid back atmosphere*).

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, open Friday and Saturday 6pm until "late", 706-4709 (NB: *this is off the map, beyond the "greater" Birmingham city centre area*).

Indian

Maharaja, 23-25 Hurst Street, 622-2641/31 13, (*not cheap -- but absolutely wonderful food -- closes at 11pm, you MUST book*).

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 Shepcote 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.

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 Ristorante 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 Wrotesley 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, the Arcadian Centre, Ladywell Walk, Hurst Street, open noon-2am, 666 7777.

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, noon-3pm and 6pm-10pm, 236-7500.

Spanish

***Caso Pacho**, 7 Fletchers Walk, Paradise Circus, 233-1533

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

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

Takeaway

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*).

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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4	Carrs Lane	8	05
5	Colmore Row (near Livery street)	3	05
6	Corporation Street (outside Rackhams)	8	05
7	Corporation Street (near Ryder Street)	2	05
8	Corporation Street (outside Temple Court)	7	05
9	Edgbaston Street (St. Martins Church)	13	05
10	Edmund Street (near Margaret Street)	3	NS
11	Gas Street (near Broad Street)	2	05
12	Gloucester Street	9	NS
13	Hurst Street (near Inge Street)	2	05
14	John Bright Street (near Alexandra Theatre)	4	NS
15	Margaret Street (near Cornwall Street)	4	NS
16	Moad Lane	3	05
17	Navigation Street (near John Bright Street)	3	NS
18	Newhall Street (near Charlotte Street)	2	NS
19	Newhall Street (near colmore Row)	3	05
21	Pinfold Street	8	NS
22	Temple Row (near Temple Street)	4	NS

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- 1** Orange Badge Parking Bay
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