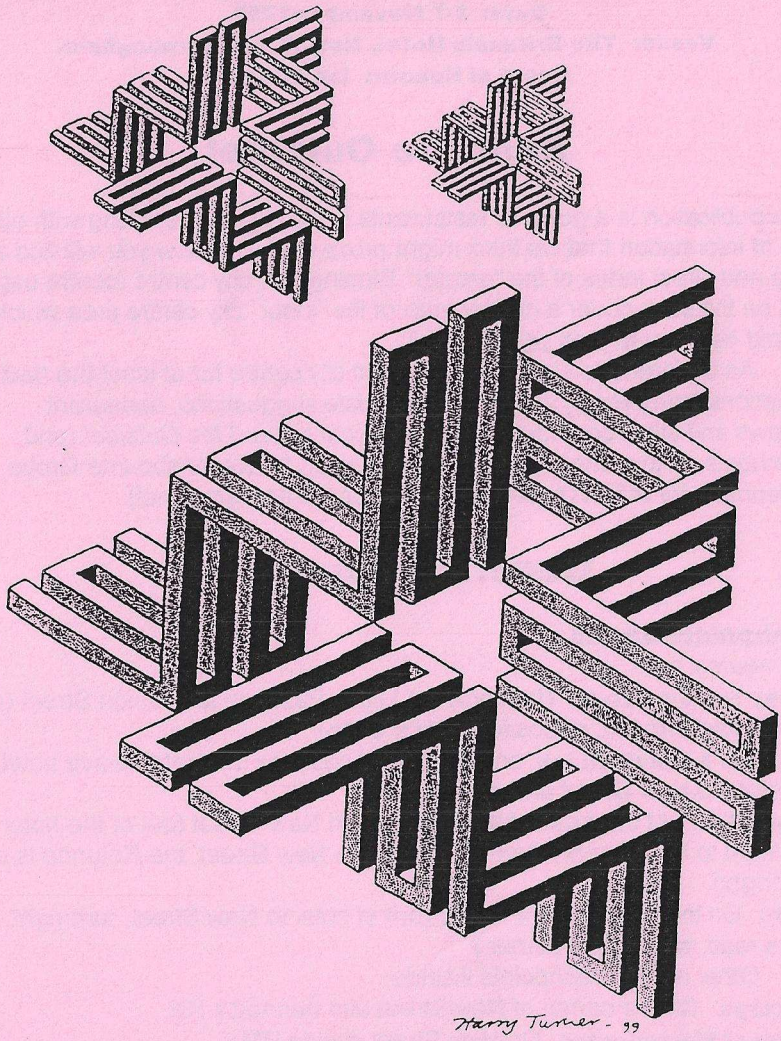


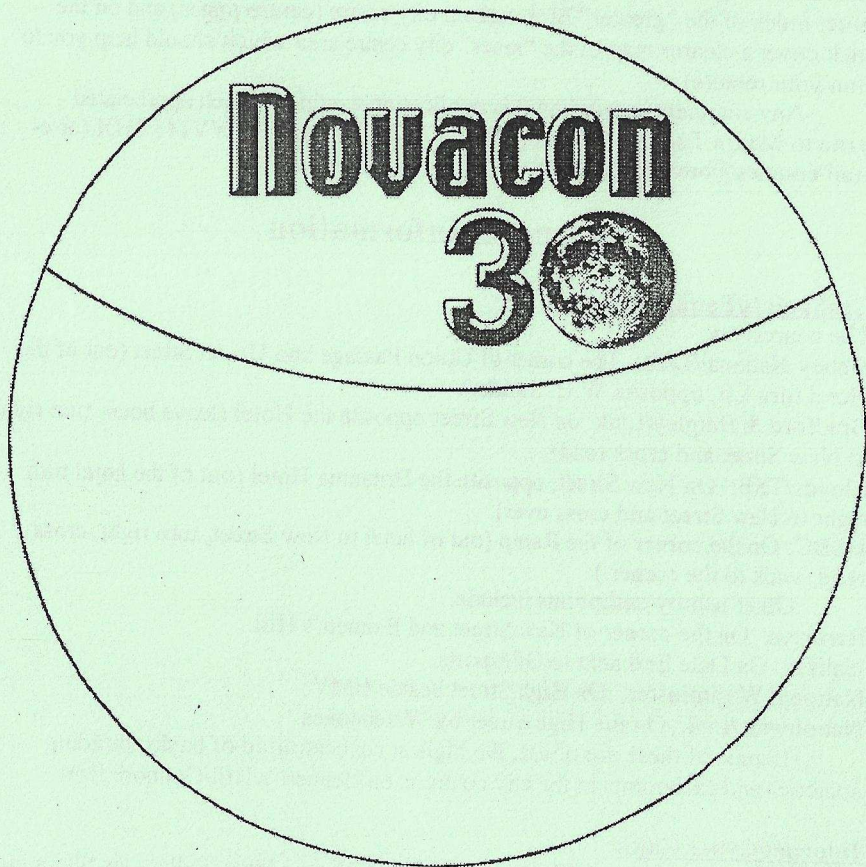
# NOVACON 29



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## Read Me Outside!

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## **Novacon 30**

**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 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.)

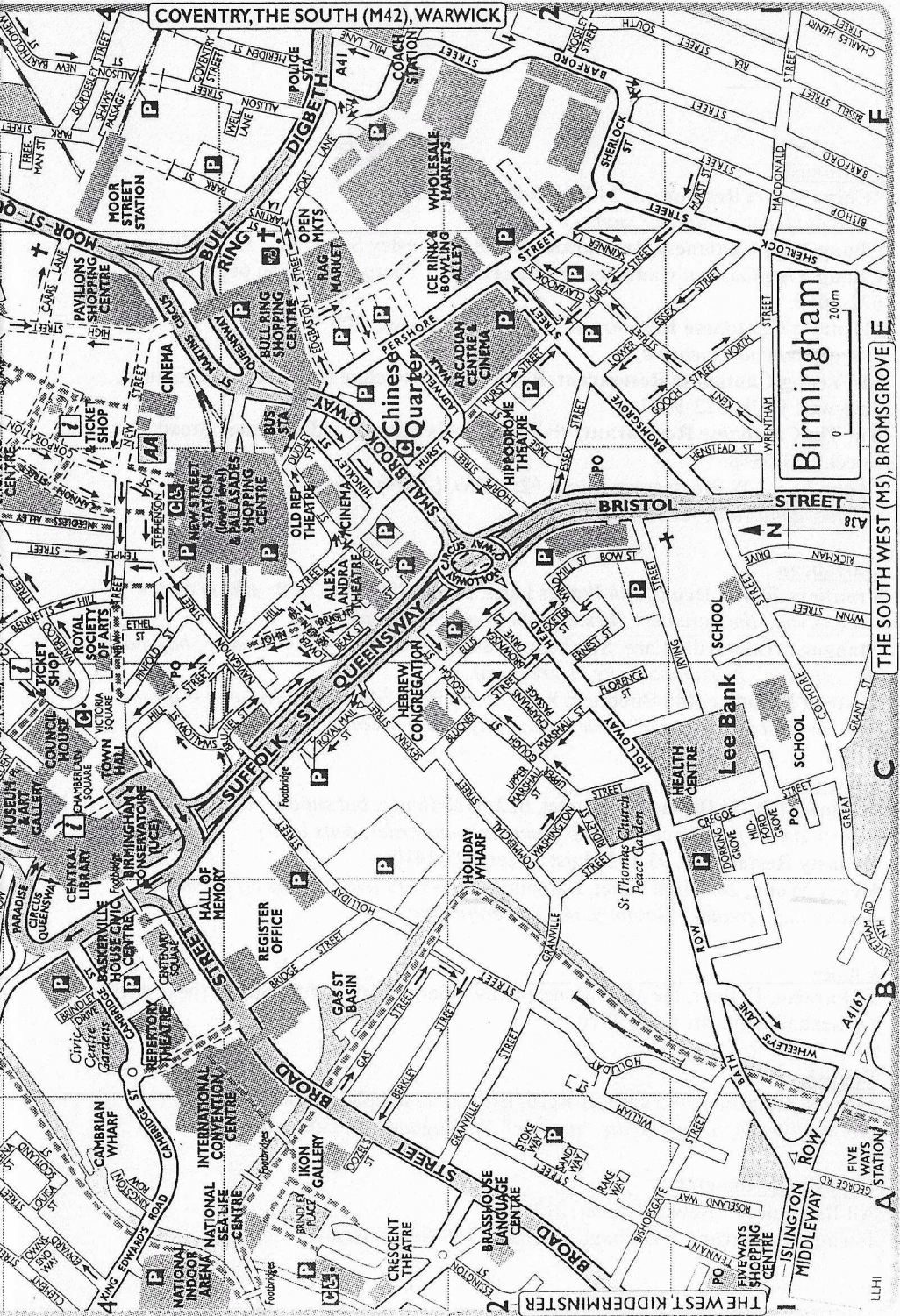
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THE SOUTH WEST (M5), BROMSGROVE



### 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.)*

**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**, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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.

### 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 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**, 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 Paco**, 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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5	Colmore Row (near Livery street)	3	OS
6	Corporation Street (outside Radkham's)	8	OS
7	Corporation Street (near Ryder Street)	2	OS
8	Corporation Street (outside Temple Court)	7	OS
9	Edgobaston Street (St. Martin's Church)	13	OS
10	Edmund Street (near Margaret Street)	3	NS
11	Gas Street (near Broad Street)	2	OS
12	Gloucester Street	9	NS
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15	Margaret Street (near Cornwall Street)	4	NS
16	Moad Lane	3	OS
17	Navigation Street (near John Bright Street)	3	NS
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