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Hello and welcome to your weekly Westside World news digest. Each Friday, Westside BID brings you the top stories from in and around Broad Street, Brindleyplace, Five Ways, Centenary Square, Broadway Plaza and surrounding areas...



Special Armed Forces Day event is taking place in Brindleyplace today

Westside BID has planned a special public event to mark Armed Forces Day in the main square of Brindleyplace today.

Anyone working in or visiting the Westside area is invited to watch as the Royal Navy, Royal Air Force, Army and Royal Marine Commandos are celebrated at the event, which begins at around 10.50am. For full details click on the link below.

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Westside jumps to Jazz and Blues

Music stars from around the world will be jumping and jiving across Westside during an amazing ten days of the Birmingham Jazz & Blues Festival in July.

Velvet Music Rooms on Broad Street is the official information point for this year's festival, and the popular bar will also be hosting up to three live music sessions a day between 14 and 23 July. Velvet's involvement with the 39th jazz festival gets underway on Tuesday 27 June when it hosts the launch of the official 64-page programme.

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That's grandad Geezer on the bench!

Geezer Butler, the legendary bassist and lyricist of Black Sabbath, has posted a picture of his grandchildren sitting on the bench named after the band on Westside.

The children, who Geezer lists as being called Isadora, Lina, Pippa and Guy, were pictured on the heavy metal bench on Broad Street this week. Publishing the image on his @geezerbutler Instagram channel, Geezer said: "The new generation of Butlers [my grandkids] on the Black Sabbath bench!! #isadora #lina #pippa #guy #birmingham #england".

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Dozens of jobs at steakhouse venue

A premium halal meat steakhouse has created dozens of jobs by opening its new venue in Brindleyplace.

The Ribeye Steakhouse boasts a "theatrical" grill and a dry bar and serves up what it describes as a "decadent and delicious" cuisine using authentic ingredients from around the world.

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Get your painting hat on for art fun

Westside BID has joined forces with local artist Milan Topalović on a 'Sip and Paint' event to help promote the wellbeing of local workers.

The event at the Canal House on Bridge Street will see Milan teaching attendees the skills to create images of Westside's most iconic landmark, the Black Sabbath Bench. The event is from 1pm to 2.30pm on Monday 26 June at the Canal House Bar & Restaurant on Bridge Street. Click the link below for details.

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