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NatWest recruit for ‘changing bank’

British banking giant NatWest has experienced a torrid few days in the wake of Nigel Farage having his account controversially closed by its private bank subsidiary Coutts.

But the company is now advertising for new employees, and where better to work than in Brindleyplace?

The bank said: “We’re always looking for fresh-thinking, career-focused and passionate people to join us at our offices in Brindleyplace. As a bank we’re changing and moving forward, and our Birmingham hub is at the heart of that journey.

"We're ramping up our activity in the city and growing our teams in specialisms

like stress testing and credit risk, so joining us could mean the chance to provide credit facilities to customers across the Midlands and South, or to create models which give us important commercial insight."

NatWest added: "We also have an Entrepreneur Accelerator here too – a free, collaborative office space and development programme for start-up and scale-up businesses."

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There are more than 120 different events running from Friday 28 July to Sunday 6 August as part of the Birmingham Festival, celebrating the first anniversary of Birmingham's 2022 Commonwealth Games.

The opening night will be hosted by BBC presenters Ayo Akinwolere and Kaylee Golding and include: Dohl Blasters; mezzo-soprano Samantha Oxborough, with Choir With No Name and Music in Motion; singer, dancer and multi-instrumentalist Bambi Bains; rappers Sanity; Friendly Fire Band (It's a Brum Ting'); and medal-winning athletes from Team England.

Partners include Birmingham City Council, Arts Council England, University of Birmingham, Hollywood Monster, United by 2022 Legacy Charity, Gowling WLG, Visit Birmingham, and Greater Birmingham Chambers of Commerce.

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The Exchange blooming at 90

Broad Street) is 90 years old – having been originally opened in 1933.

The Exchange was closed for more than two decades, but reopened two years ago in September 2021 as a new, public ‘front door’ for the University of Birmingham.

Open from 8am til 5pm from Monday to Saturday, it includes meetings rooms, regular exhibitions, family-friendly interactive workshops and a cafe. Current attractions include city photographer Valley Burke’s ‘A Gift to Birmingham’ exhibition, running until Saturday, 16 September (South entrance).

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Sales soaring at Pret A Manger

Its famous logo might be a shade of red, but Pret A Manger is back in the black for the first time since 2018.

The company, with a Brindleyplace cafe at the heart of the Westside BID area, saw sales soaring 71% to £790m in the year to the end of December 2022, recording an annual operating profit of £50.6m – bouncing back from a loss of £168m a year before.

The cost of Pret's monthly subscription scheme has gone up from £25 per month to £30 per month, but you can still get FIVE drinks per day for that as well as a newly introduced 10% discount on food.

Make ten such extra purchases and you will be offered free crisps, popcorn or cold drink as a 'perk' –another incentive to abandon working from home in favour of joining your colleagues in one of Westside's brilliant office buildings.

Pret Brindleyplace is open from 7.30am til 3.30pm on Monday and Friday, from 7am til 4pm on Tuesday and from 7am til 3.30pm on Wednesday and Thursday.

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Tram it up to Five Guys

Burger chain Five Guys has restaurants at New Street Station, Resorts World, Bullring and The Fort Shopping Centre.

Edgbaston Village.

The restaurant, next to Pryzm nightclub and just yards from Cineworld – the 12-screen multiplex with theatres including IMAX and 4DX – is open daily from 11am-11pm, Sunday to Thursday, and until midnight on Friday and Saturday.

And if the tram isn't good enough for you, it's also served by Just Eat, Deliver and Uber Eats.

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Super Saturdays at Walkabout

Fancy a late night with all of your needs catered for in a tasty package? Walkabout on Broad Street (opposite the Black Sabbath Bench) is advertising 'Super Saturdays' parties with the resident DJ living it large until 3am.

Guests from 5pm can enjoy six shots for £12, two bombs for £7 and two for £15 cocktail pitchers. Walkabout has no Happy Hour deals at weekends, but they run from noon until 7pm from Monday to Friday.

Food is served daily from noon until 9pm, and shots are £1.50 on Monday nights. Children allowed until 7pm. Smart casual dress code in operation from 7pm weekdays and all day on weekends. Oh – and don't forget it has plenty of big screens for all of your favourite live sporting moments, too.

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