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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...



VIDEO: Broad Street reopens to traffic after Metro track repairs

Businesses on Westside have breathed a collective sigh of relief after a week's worth of essential repairs to the 14-month-old West Midlands Metro line were completed on time.

The 0.8 mile, £83.4 million extension had been in operation for just 420 days when the shutdown meant there were no bus or tram services along most of Broad Street from Sunday 10 to Saturday 16 September. But after dedicated efforts by specialist repair teams, the road was reopened as scheduled at 6am on Sunday 17 September.

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Pride and Prejudice comes to Brum

With five daughters to get married, Mrs Bennett is determined for them to catch the eyes of two rich gentlemen who have just moved into town.

That's the genesis of the story behind Jane Austen's classic novel *Pride and Prejudice*, which The Crescent theatre is bringing to the stage on Westside starting tomorrow.

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Calendar image will make a splash

It is perhaps little surprise that entertainer Carl Thornley should have been attracted to water when taking photos of the city centre.

For the singer and dancer, aged 34, from Harborne, is currently working as a guest performer on cruise ships, sailing around Norway and the Mediterranean. Carl took this impressive photo of the water feature outside the Library of Birmingham during one of his visits to Centenary Square and it has earned him a place in this year's Westside BID calendar for September.

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Qavali is hailed the 'best of Brum'

A 'well-travelled' Westside restaurant has won the coveted title of 'Best of Brum' in a national award celebrating all that is good about the UK dining industry.

The prestigious British Restaurant Awards, held earlier this month in London, named Indo-Persian eatery Qavali in Brindleyplace as the best restaurant in the whole of Birmingham.

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Celebrating a city Sabbath legend

Founding Black Sabbath manager Jim Simpson was given a hero's welcome by an 'Ozzy Osbourne' tribute star at a gig celebrating the 53rd anniversary release of Paranoid, the band's first chart-topping album.

The officially-approved tribute band Sabbra Cadabra performed two blistering sets at the event on Sunday 17 September at Velvet Music Rooms.

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