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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: TEN years of Library of Birmingham history in two minutes

The £188 million Library of Birmingham on Westside will be ten years old on Sunday when the building is closed, but fear not - there will be some Shakespeare celebrations in-house tomorrow (Saturday 2 September).

And to mark the anniversary, we've produced this two-minute video showing the library under construction from 2009 to 2013, and then the phenomenal crowds admiring the Raging Bull outside during the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

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Enoch to the rush hour rescue!

Westside BID street warden Enoch White came to the rescue of traffic, taxis and trams during Tuesday's rush hour on Broad Street.

Enoch's quick thinking came when an all-white No. 10 single decker bound for Four Dwellings got stuck after clipping a raised kerb designed for trams when they stop outside Wetherspoon's Figure of Eight pub heading towards Edgbaston Village.

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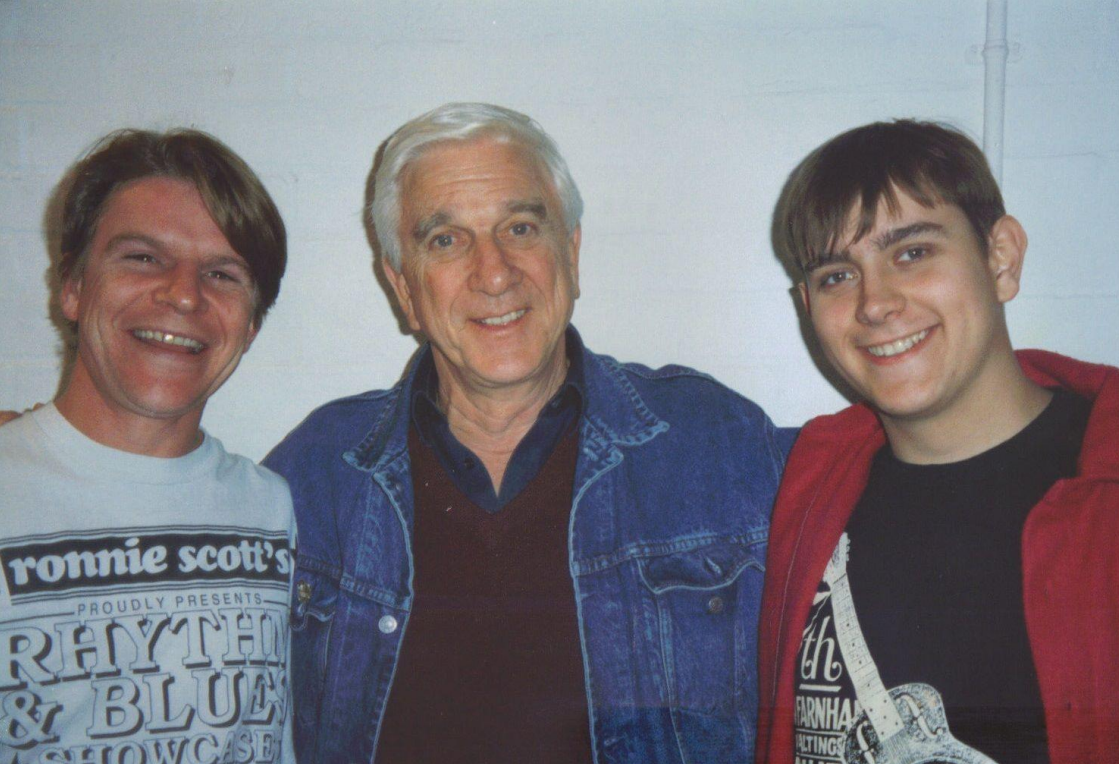


Grab a piece of Brum music history

A hidden stash of T-shirts promoting a week-long music event at the former Ronnie Scott's nightclub in Broad Street nearly 30 years ago has been discovered.

The 36 T-shirts, all bearing the words "Ronnie Scott's proudly presents Rhythm & Blues Showcase September 12th to 17th 1994", were found at the Westside offices of Big Bear Music following the company's recent relocation. Fans of R&B and rock 'n' roll will get the chance to own one of the T-shirts when they are included in a jumble sale of music memorabilia on 17 September - exactly 29 years after the original event ended.

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And they're already taking you back!

The discovery of T-shirts promoting a Ronnie Scott's music festival almost 30 years ago has resulted in fabulous memories from a pianist who took part.

Pianist Ben Waters, who has played with The Rolling Stones, Jeff Beck and Chuck Berry, featured in the Rhythm & Blues Showcase at the then Ronnie Scott's club in Broad Street in September 1994 - leading to a request for one of the historic shirts from Ann Waters, the mum and former manager of Ben, who performed on that day 29 years ago as the Ben Waters Boogie Band.

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Westside's Clean Air Zone debate

A special report by BBC Midlands Today has highlighted Westside BID's concerns about Birmingham's Clean Air Zone following a debate in London over the planned expansion of the Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ).

BBC reporter Kevin Peadar Rice visited the new Library of Birmingham on Broad Street, and Mike Caley, who runs Westside BID. Watch the video to see what they had to say!

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