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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...

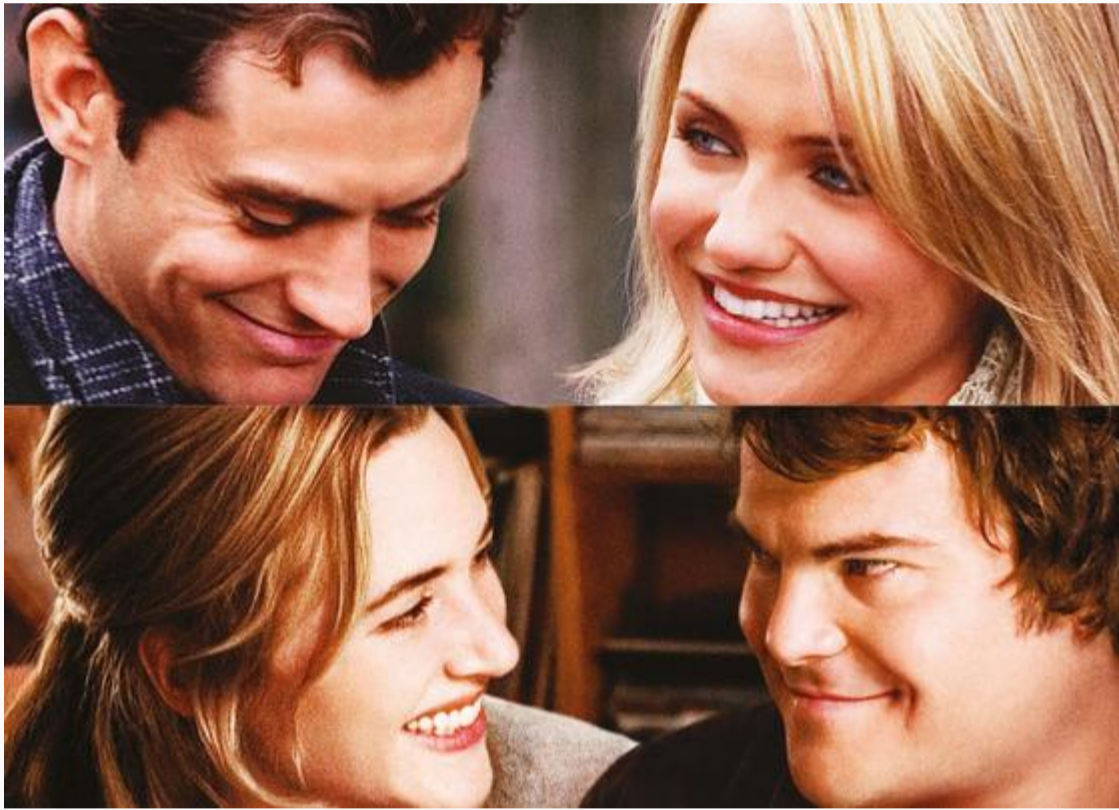


Mayor Andy Street's Christmas message hits TV after Westside visit

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas on Westside, and enjoying the unrivalled hospitality of venues in and around Broad Street and Brindleyplace was West Midlands elected mayor Andy Street.

Mayor Street had a special pre-Christmas tour and the visit was filmed for Local TV and broadcast on Freeview Channels 7 and 8, Virgin Media Channel 159, plus online and across social media.

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Enjoy film favourites with live music

A feast of music from festive cinema favourites awaits visitors to Westside in the run-up to Christmas. Birmingham music charity B:Music, which runs Symphony Hall, promises to 'B:Festive' in the weeks leading up to the big day as it puts the finishing touches to its seasonal programme.

And leading the way are a number of magical festive movies which are being brought to the Symphony Hall stage on a giant screen, accompanied by a live orchestra playing the famous musical scores, starting with The Holiday tomorrow at 2.30pm and 7.30pm.

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Art gallery launches in music venue

The Dirt Road Band helped to launch a new art venue within a new live music venue on Broad Street last week.

Artist and bass player Horace Panter, from The Specials, even turned photographer at the O Bar's opening of its new Birmingham Art Zone gallery on gig night.

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Whats coming up at Utilita Arena?

The Utilita Arena is one of the city's largest indoor live event venues and it pulls in hundreds of thousands of visitors every year.

The Arena is renowned for bringing international stars onto Westside, and so today we're highlighting their upcoming events before the festive season - starting with Anne-Marie tomorrow night!

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Film reviews: Big titles hit the screen

Graham Young gives his verdicts on The Hunger Games prequel and the Thanksgiving horror movie, (with the latter giving Ozzy Osbourne a silver screen spotlight again).

Will The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes overcome the diminishing returns of the three Hunger Games sequels? Read on!

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