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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...



The Last Post amid water fountains at Westside’s Remembrance Service

Bugler Antonio Socci played The Last Post in between dancing water fountains during Westside's annual Remembrance Service at Brindleyplace on Tuesday.

Just as Antonio began playing during a morning of crisp sunshine, so the plumes of water began to rise to add a unique fluidity to the traditional solemnity of remembering The Fallen.

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Snobs is moving to Broad Street

Snobs, one of Birmingham's most famous and best-loved nightclubs, is to relocate to the city's 'golden mile' of Broad Street.

The club, founded more than 50 years ago, is set to move into the former premises of Velvet Music Floors in the middle of 2024. Snobs is currently based at 51 Smallbrook Queensway.

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Ice Queen launches festive show

Birmingham Rep used the giant Ice Skate Birmingham rink in Centenary Square for a cool photoshoot to launch its Christmas production of The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe.

And Westside World was there to make a special 'trailer' out of the photo opportunity, as actress Cath Whitefield became 'ice queen' for the day by braving the freezing surface in her White Witch costume.

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...And she wasn't the only Ice Queen

Despite the stormy weather, Ice Skate Birmingham opened its huge rink, Big Wheel and rides on Westside's Centenary Square on 2 November.

First on the new surface at 10am was 26-year-old Brittany, who began skating just three years ago, sporting a GB Ice Hockey top belonging to her boyfriend. She was quickly joined by many more enthusiastic skaters as our video reveals.

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Triumphant return for Blueshouse

Talk about the wheel turning full circle! Jim Simpson opened the first Henry's Blueshouse on Tuesday nights at The Crown on Station Street in Birmingham 55 years ago. This week, on the evening of Halloween 2023, he opened the latest venue at O Bar on Broad Street.

There to watch over him were the faces of 'Prince of Darkness' Ozzy Osbourne, Tony Iommi, Geezer Butler and Bill Ward, etched on to the famous Black Sabbath Bench opposite.

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