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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...



Winners of BID's new 2024 calendar show off more of Westside's delights

Amateur photographer Pete Vale was clearly out in front when it came to entries for the 2024 edition of the annual Westside Business Improvement District (BID) calendar.

For Pete's image of the International Convention Centre in Centenary Square has earned him the coveted position on the front cover of the calendar, which makes its third appearance next year after popular runs in 2022 and 2023. See Pet's winning entry and learn the names of the other winners by clicking on the link below.

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Video: Ex-manager remembers Ozzy

As Ozzy Osbourne prepares to celebrate his 75th birthday this weekend, Black Sabbath's first manager Jim Simpson has reunited with him on the band's famed heavy metal bench in Birmingham.

Jim also revisited Ozzy's childhood home in Aston and revealed his favourite tracks in our exclusive long-read interview and video by Graham Young.

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Ashley Walters visits Pryzm tonight

Crime drama enthusiasts in Birmingham are in for a thrill with the much-anticipated appearance of a Netflix star on Westside.

Ashley Walters featured in all five series of Top Boy, which became a Netflix sensation in 2019, and the illustrious actor is making an intimate appearance in an exclusive evening at Pryzm on Broad Street tonight (Friday 1 December).

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A sparkling festive season of movies

Westside filmgoers are lucky to have two of the country's best multiplexes to choose from with 12 screens each at Cineworld Broad Street and Odeon Luxe Broadway Plaza, and in the run-up to Christmas there's a mixture of new releases and classic favourites to look forward to.

Here's our week-by-week guide to the next batch of hits coming your way from each Friday onwards during the pre-festive period in December.

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Ikon Gallery hosts festive market

Shoppers looking for a special or unusual gift for Christmas need look no further than a contemporary art gallery on Westside.

The Ikon Gallery in Oozells Square, Brindleyplace, is to hold its annual Winter Craft Market with a range of gift ideas to tempt visitors next Thursday (7 December) between 5.30 and 8.30pm.

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