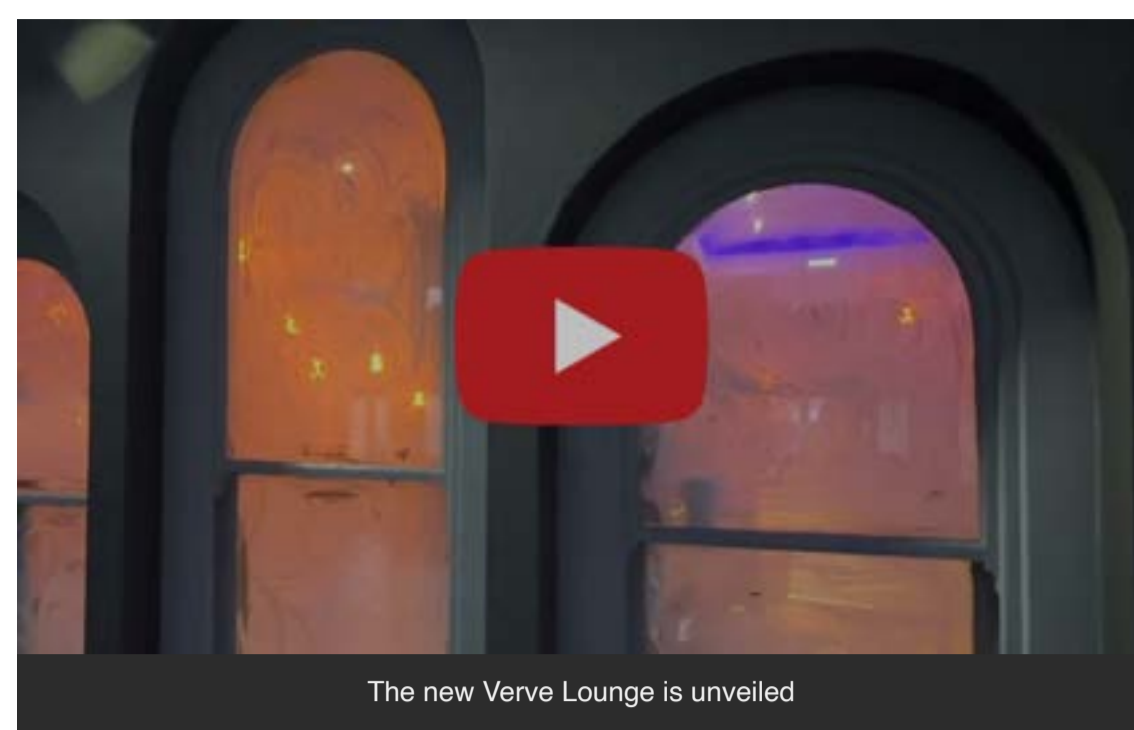


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Hello and welcome to your weekly Westside World news digest. Each Friday, Westside BID brings you the top stories from in and around Broad Street, Brindleyplace, Five Ways, Centenary Square, Broadway Plaza and surrounding areas...



The new Verve Lounge is unveiled

A dozen jobs created by new Verve Lounge at Bobby Browns site

The building which used to house the legendary Bobby Browns night club is getting ready to welcome a new generation of fun-seekers on Westside.

The new Verve Lounge is setting up home at 52 Gas Street with an official public opening on Saturday 3 February, creating at least 12 new jobs.

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Brum rap star joins basketball event

Leading singer and rapper Lady Leshurr is to enjoy a starring role at a major basketball event on Westside – without having to ‘jump through hoops’.

The Birmingham-born performer, who has received both a MOBO Award and British Empire Medal, is to headline the entertainment at the Utilita Arena when it stages the British Basketball League Trophy Finals over the weekend of 27 and 28 January.

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Laughs galore at comedy festival

The Westside area has always been regarded as a fun place to visit and now there promises to be plenty more laughs in store at two of its popular local venues tonight (Friday 19 January).

The fundraising Belly Laughs comedy festival will be taking place across nearly 30 independent pubs and restaurants in Birmingham, and The Flapper pub, in Kingston Row, and The Distillery in Sheepcote Street, will be hosting comedy nights tonight, starting at 7pm. Click on the link below to hear about the Flapper pub show, and for more about the Distillery event [click here](#).

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Bhangra magic coming to The Rep

Bollywood is coming to Birmingham with the exciting premiere of Bhangra Nation – A New Musical, running from 17 February to 16 March.

The new show, presented by Birmingham Rep in association with Mara Isaacs, Tom Kirdahy and Peggy Koenig, is described as a powerful and pulsating production about competitive Bhangra dancing.

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Exchange plans free heritage tours

The Exchange, a public ‘gateway’ for the University of Birmingham based on Westside, is launching a monthly series of free Heritage Tours from 3 February.

The tours are all free, but booking is essential to secure your place on the following Saturdays – 3 February, 2 March or 16 April (from 11am or 1pm).

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