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Hello,

We hope you enjoyed our Caribbean Day on the High Street in August (pictures inside). It was a great day weather-wise and we had some wonderful feedback from shoppers. We will be looking at more themed events in the near future.

This issue of the magazine seems to have a campaigning feel about it! On page 22 we are helping to launch the Help Your High Street movement which shows how members of the public can be part of the fight against crime and anti social behaviour in our neighbourhoods. Alongside that we also show how the radio link between shops, our street warden and the police is helping greatly to combat crime especially since the launch of our new digital radios late last year.

On page 14 we highlight the work of a new group, the Erdington Litter Busters - a team of dedicated locals who are raising awareness about how rubbish dumping is blighting our area. This magazine certainly supports that initiative!

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JOBS FAIR

TUESDAY 2nd OCTOBER
10.00am - 1.00pm

At St. Barnabas Church Centre, High St, Erdington

In association with Erdington Job Centre Plus

Come and meet employers and organisations offering opportunities from a variety of job sectors including hospitality, retail, construction, warehouse work, driving, childcare, care, logistics and administration.

FREE ENTRY

Department for Work and Pensions
Residents parking scheme put on hold by council

The much publicised Erdington Residents Controlled Parking Scheme by Birmingham City Council has been put on hold, with a majority of residents objecting to either part or all of the scheme.

After some years of going to and fro with public meetings, residents and businesses within the proposed area were asked to finally put their opinions forward on whether a controlled zone should be created in central Erdington where vehicle owners would have to pay for parking permits for themselves and visitors.

Part of the plan also included the introduction of parking meters along Sutton New Road and parts of the High Street area.

The previous stage consultation in 2015 had 382 responses and 57.6% in favour of the scheme going ahead.

The 2018 consultation had 331 responses with 88% raising an objection to all or part of the scheme. In all, residents in 17 roads objected, which outnumbered 13 roads in support.

It was felt by many residents that, over the extended lifetime of the consultation, going back some years, the parking situation had changed considerably:

- The loss of the Hart Road car park (just under 200 spaces), to be replaced by the new leisure centre, which has 8 parking spaces, had compromised the situation somewhat.
- The development of the former Honeywell House in Orphanage Road, providing 80+ new apartments but only 16 parking spaces for the new residents, might create a parking crisis at that end of town.
- The growth of HMO’s (Houses of multiple occupancy) in Erdington, and the conversion of many houses into flats could create more parking logjams in the area.

Currently there are now just two council-run car parks in the town centre area - at Church Road and Machin Road. The former council car park behind St Barnabas church is now managed by the church themselves.

Birmingham City Council have agreed to review alternatives to try and improve parking options on Erdington.
Days are getting shorter, skies are becoming grey, and you feel that you miss the holiday atmosphere already? Make this summer spirit last a bit longer with Salsa Fun & Spanish classes at Lingo Learning Centre!

Located on 11 New Street, B23 6SD, Lingo is a place that offers a wide range of courses for nearly six years. We’ve also got branches in West Bromwich and Coventry.

Everyone will find something here that suits them – from FREE English & Maths Functional Skills and ESOL courses, conversational English courses, to Spanish and Salsa classes.

**Salsa Fun** is adult dance classes, combining elements of Latin American dances with learning basic phrases in Spanish. During classes, the instructor speaks mainly Spanish, which will naturally facilitate the acquisition of language.

For £14 you’re getting two hours of great fun, and a chance to move your body in hot, Latin rhythms! It is possible to combine the Salsa Fun course with **Chat Spanish** conversational course; then you pay only £12 for an hour of salsa and an hour of Spanish.

These classes are suitable for beginners, both singles, and couples. The most important thing is to have fun, you do not have to worry about confusing your steps! **Don’t fancy dancing?**
There is a lot more to discover at Lingo Learning Centre!

- **Chat English, Coffee with English** (2 hours of traditional classes and 2 hours of discussion on a certain topic),

- **Chat English Kids** (3-13 years old),

- **International English Language Test System (IELTS) preparation course**, 

- **Work English** for construction workers, mechanics, hairdressers & beauticians, carers and more!

- **Our Functional Skills & ESOL courses** are Government-funded, so you’ll get the course worth around £400 **free of charge**.

To attend, you need to be over 20 and have a National Insurance Number. No matter if you work or not.
Caribbean Day
on the High Street Saturday 4th August

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DISCOVERY DAY
3 NOV
We're opening The REP's backstage doors and inviting you behind the scenes of Birmingham's premier producing theatres. Snack a peek as you explore the theatres, take part in fun workshops and enjoy exciting activities and competitions!

Backstage Tours

- Embark on an unforgettable journey behind the scenes at one of Britain's premier producing theatres.
- Delve into our workshop, wigs and wardrobe as you discover how we create a show, from the set to the costumes, all from within The REP.
- Explore the hidden secrets of a theatre with a fascinating past, and maybe even rub shoulders with an actor or two!

Box Office
0121 236 4455 | birmingham-rep.co.uk

Hello Erdington is a scheme started by The REP to develop closer relationships with the Erdington community. We're pleased to offer a limited number of discounted tickets to residents from all four wards of Erdington District (Erdington, Kingstanding, Stockland Green and Tyburn) for a range of performances from our Autumn and Winter 2018 season.

JOIN US THIS AUTUMN
Maximum of 4 tickets per play for each household
£7 tickets on the following dates (subject to availability)

POP MUSIC 12, 13 Sep
Set to a soundtrack of epic pop music, theatre meets gig in a nostalgic, nostalgic, nostalgic celebration.

REBUS: LONG SHADOWS 20, 21 Sep
Ian Rankin's legendary detective John Rebus is brought to the stage for the first time in a brand new case.

ALL YOU NEED IS LSD 4, 5 Oct
A darkly humorous new play highlighting the drugs debate, written by award-winning playwright Leo Butler and co-produced with Told by an Idiot.

THE WIPERS TIMES 8, 9 Oct
Ian Halap and Nick Newman's extraordinary true story of the satirical newspaper created in the mud and mire of the Somme.

STUFF 17, 18 Oct
A quirky and comedic look at the sensitive subject of hearing.

THE MESSIAH 18, 19 Oct
Hugh Dennis, John Marquez and Lesley Garrett bring you a comedy of biblical proportions.

THE CAPITAL 24, 25 Oct
Five contrasting lives clash and collide across the big city in a vivid visual story from Stratford's Café

THE LOVELY BONES 30, 31 Oct
The stage premiere of Alice Sebold's world-famous novel, adapted by Bryony Lavery.

ORANGE POLAR BEAR 1, 2 Nov
This raw, harry and heartrending new play gives voice to a young generation trying to find their place in an overwhelming, fast-changing world.

THE WIZARD OF OZ 26, 27 Nov
Follow the yellow brick road for the ultimate family adventure this Christmas.

HOW TO BOOK
Simply call our box office on 0121 236 4455 and quote Hello Erdington. We will require proof of your address.

Tickets are subject to availability. Prices are £10 for members of the REP, £15 for non-members. The scheme does not apply to REP Reps. Please talk to a member of our Box Office team if you need further information.
Between Erdington library and the Cats Protection shop in the High Street, lots of creative activities were enjoyed by local children towards the end of the oh-so-long – and hot! – summer holiday.

The library hosted a story-telling and ‘cat crafts’ morning at the end of August and, the Cats Protection charity shop on the High Street was running a ‘write a cat story’ competition - and the winners are sisters Millie Farrow, aged 12 and 10 year old Lexi.

The story-writing competition was the idea of assistant manager, Gabriela Chalkia, who was delighted to present a WH Smith voucher for £10 to winner Millie, and a stationery/art set to runner-up Lexi.

Says Gabriela: “We hope to put the two winning entries on to our FB page – along with a plea for more volunteers for the shop. We’re always looking for fresh faces to join our team. Volunteers can be as young as 14, like Vicky Chapman, who lives in Erdington and is a pupil at John Willmott School. She does a few hours on a Sunday as does Brad Gobourne, who is 17 and studies at Sandwell College. There’s a role to suit everyone.” Vicky loves music, wants to join the Navy and travel the world. And she and Brad agree that ‘volunteering is great for the CV’.

Meanwhile, the cat-themed library fun day was organised by Assistant Library Manager Pat Pedder and education volunteer Pam Wood. Library staff member Mamuna Mulla read the first cat story and Pam read ‘Lulu gets a cat’ while the children sat and listened attentively. Next came an interactive session around ‘what makes a cat happy and what makes a cat sad’ and soon the youngsters were well on their way to becoming responsible cat-owners of the future.

Says Pam, pictured showing the children what a flea looks like – a creature that definitely makes a cat itchy and sad: “These library sessions are always fun. We ensure lots of moving around activities, as well as sitting, listening, learning, and telling us about their own pets, plus the opportunity to do lots of drawing and colouring of cat masks afterwards. Our thanks to everyone for their support. We plan to run another similar feline fun day during the October half-term week.”

*If any North Birmingham school would like a free-and-fun Cats Protection workshop for their pupils, it can be arranged via a call to the helpline – 0345 260 1503.
A Big Thank You to Those Who Supported Our Summer Fayre

We held our summer fayre on the 14th July 2018. As the weather was so good we were able to have a lot of the tables outside in the square. There were hand made goods, cards, knitwear, tasty cakes and marmalade, lovely aromatic samosas and pakoras and live music provided by Cloud Nine MCE.UK. Inside the Cube an abundance of art and crafts were on display, a very well attended painting workshop, portraits painted and drawn while you wait.

A very big thank you to Safeer Mohammed from our new neighbours ‘Clearance Foods’ (in the old Iceland) as they came out with baskets full of cold drinks for us for which we were very grateful.

We would also like to thank all of those involved for helping to make it a very successful event.

Why not join us for our regular sessions in the Cube in the Square every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 10.00a.m. until 3.00p.m.

We now have the Mind Group with us fortnightly on a Monday afternoon (just call in and check the week with Heather or Mary)

The group Ageing Better in Birmingham is also meeting monthly on a Monday morning at 10.00a.m, if you know any Carers then they are welcome to attend this group.
What’s On...

Macmillan Charity Cake Stall
FRIDAY 28th SEPT
In the Harbour Cafe
10.30am - 2.00pm

Jobs Fair
TUES 2nd OCT
In partnership with Erdington Job Centre Plus
10.00am - 1.00pm

St Barnabas Film Club
FRIDAY 5th OCT
‘Eddie the Eagle’ (2016)
7.30pm £5 on the door

Historical Society
MON 8th OCT - 7.30pm
The History of Telecommunications
Talk by Chris Jukes - £2

Church Services
We are a fully inclusive church and a warm welcome awaits everyone. Holy Communion is held every Sunday and Wednesday at 10.30am.

Young Church
Every first and third Sunday of the month children of all ages, with their parents or carers, can enjoy age appropriate fun and learning activities, alongside the church service.

Alpha Course - Free
Questions about faith?
Questions about life?
Come to the free Alpha Sessions. Every Wednesday 7.30pm till 21st November

Autumn Classical Concert
SAT 13th OCT
8.00pm - Tickets £8.50
(includes glass of wine)
£4 Children
Featuring music by Beethoven, Mozart, Gilbert and Sullivan, Manuel Ponce and more.

Free Jazz
FRI 19th OCT
12.30pm - 2.00pm
In the Harbour Cafe
with popular trio ‘Rhythm&Bone’
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Meeting at the YMCA (301 Reservoir Road, B23 6DF) has proved to be a good place to start setting out to clear up some ‘hot spots’ in the vicinity. Central to our passion has been a desire to take pride in our area which too often gets criticised as being ‘run down’ or ‘gone downhill’. Often you hear older residents referring to Erdington (affectionately) as ‘the village’ harping back to the 1950s, 60s and 70s.

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The YMCA (Eden Café) too have been excellent in supporting this initiative, providing discounts on refreshments. We acknowledge that litter continues to be a challenge both globally and at a local level. On picking up litter in this area most people tell us that the state of some of the streets in Erdington gets them down; causing them to feel angry and frustrated. At some point there needs to be a longer term strategy; engaging with those who can influence policy to effect change at a deeper level.

Our vision is to go beyond picking up litter per se, where we see possibilities of the community coming together, enjoying each others company, and bringing about an injection of community spirit. Maybe we could develop a “same day…same time litter pick” in our area encouraging our community to take ownership for where they live.

Please feel free to come along and help, or if you have any thoughts, ideas or advice about this venture then please get in touch with Rob or Dawn. Join us in taking pride in our neck of the woods!!

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Founder members, Rob Gunnell and Dawn Edwards, who have resided in the area for many years started to pick up rubbish in their own back yard; on the way to the shops or going out for a walk. However, it became apparent that a more concerted effort was required to try and encourage a group of people to get engaged to share the work load!

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Police warning to shoppers about ‘perfume’ sellers

Erdington police have advised shoppers NOT to buy from so-called perfume sellers if approached in the street.

A police spokesman told us: “We have had a number of complaints from shoppers who were approached in the street to buy perfume at a really cheap price. Invariably when opened, the perfume turns out to be a watered-down fake”.

The bogus sellers, selling out of carrier bags, often use aggressive tactics while targeting vulnerable women. In an alert PCSO Susan Haskins, of Erdington police team, said: “Two or three bogus perfume salespersons are frequenting the area, scamming shoppers out of hard-earned cash. “These males are very persuasive and, in particular, target elderly females. This is illegal and it is fraud. Anyone witnessing these men should contact the police immediately.”

To contact the police, call 999 in an emergency or 101 for everything else. You can also email to: erdington@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk
Top picture: Barnabas Road, with Erdington market in the distance

Below: Palace Ballroom and cinema

The High Street looking towards the village Green

Bottom: Village Green as was

The cars in these pictures give a clue to the date.

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LET'S TALK

A fantastic experience aimed at finding out what young people in Erdington want in our community which will include food, music and the chance to meet local decision makers!

YOU’RE INVITED TO THE ‘LET’S TALK’ YOUTH CONFERENCE FOR 14-18 YEAR OLDS IN ERDINGTON

When? 29th September 2018
Where? YMCA Erdington, 301 Reservoir road, B23 6DF
Time? 10am - 1.30pm
For further details please contact
Judith.miller@aspireportstrust.org
Are you aged between 14 and 18? Do you live in Erdington?

If the answers are yes, then you are invited to Let’s Talk, an exciting and invigorating event for the young people in our area.

Let’s Talk is a conference like no other with the main aim being to find out what the teenagers of Erdington think needs changing to better the community.

Keynote speaker Errol Lawson, leadership Coach for young people, teachers and entrepreneurs, teaches his audience to be courageous, to aim high, to achieve and actively make an impact on the world. Errol is committed to motivating and training today’s generation to be achievers and leaders, introducing new audiences every day to “Lifting the lid on what you think is possible”.

We want to hear your thoughts; tell us what it is you want in our community!

As well as having your say, getting to know new people and eating delicious (and free!) food, you'll have the chance to meet local decision makers!

We hope you can join us on the 29th September at the YMCA Chris Bryant Centre, 300 Reservoir road, B23 6DF from 10am until 1.30pm.

To book your place visit https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lets-talk-tickets-48641104854
Help Your High Street campaign launched

Erdington police and the Erdington BID are launching a new campaign to keep our High Street a safe place for shoppers and visitors.

Help Your High Street is asking everyone who sees suspicious activity to report it to the police so that we can get a police presence in the town centre.

Sgt. Daniel Cooper of West Midlands Police asked for the public's help: “As everyone knows, the police do not have the numbers of personnel to patrol everywhere, so any help we can get from the public, and businesses in Erdington will tell us where the crime hot spots are.

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Sgt. Cooper added: “We do not expect the public to put themselves in harms way when reporting crime, and should always keep a safe distance from incidents when doing so. It is not our intention for the public to be directly involved, but rather just offering remote support in our fight against crime and helping us zone in on the crime hotspots”.

You should use 999 if:
- A crime is happening right now.
- Someone is in immediate danger, or there is a risk of serious damage to property.
- A suspect for a serious crime is nearby.
- There is a traffic collision involving injury or danger to other road users.

Dial 101 for all other incidents.

Dial Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111

Witnesses can also: Send an email – by phone if available to: erdington@westmidlands.pnn.police.uk

If camera images are available, they can be mailed also.

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Terry Guest, BID Manager for the town centre, supports the scheme: “Times are changing with the police and we do not have the officer numbers that we used to have, so we need to find other ways to combat crime and anti-social behaviour. In the BID area we have our own street warden, and an in-store radio network covering the whole town centre and beyond.

“This support helps businesses and shoppers enjoy their day safely, but we must get more reports to the police of offences being committed, so that resources can be directed straight at the sources and locations of crime – in the town centre and out to the neighbourhoods”.

Anyone witnessing the following is urged to phone or email the police:
- Shop lifting; purse snatching; street perfume sellers; alcohol abuse; violent behaviour; drug dealing; street cycling gangs; aggressive beggars.

Terry Guest added: “These kind of issues happen everywhere these days, but we are asking shoppers and residents to help keep our town centre and neighbourhoods safe in Erdington”.

Witnessed something?  
Dial 999, or 101  
or email: erdington@westmidlands.pnn.police.uk

New digital radios are a success for the High Street

Since the inception of the Retail Radio Link scheme scheme in 2007, usage among businesses has increased noticeably, and along with it, the apprehending of shoplifters and other wrong-doers.

There are more than 50 stores in the town centre now linked by radio, to each other, the town warden, and local police. In 2017, the old analogue system radios were exchanged for high-tech digital version, thus giving greater clarity and a reception that reaches beyond just the town centre area.

Local businessman Ron Smith is a keen user of the radio: “Since we took delivery of the new digital radios, we have a far better sweep of the town centre by way of coverage. Although shoplifting and anti-social behaviour is rife everywhere these days, you begin to realise that you are dealing with the same small core of perpetrators, and tracking them as they go along the High Street really helps to get these people out of the town centre.”

The radios are supplied by the Erdington BID.
The event was put together by two award winners in their respective fields – journalist Sheila Pennell and Erdington photographer Richard Brown.

The session, held in Erdington library’s community room, aimed to give local folk the tools and tips to get their Press releases to stand out from the crowd and catch the eye and interest of the editors of the local, maybe even national, Press.

Says Sheila, who has worked for local newspapers and national magazines: “Richard and I decided to put this session together as I’m regularly asked to write press releases for local charities, and I thought ‘why not show people how to do it themselves’. And Richard, similarly, gives up much of his time and expertise to help local causes. He agreed to give a power-point presentation showing how to achieve pictures that, as they say, are worth a thousand words.”

The thirteen participants were lucky, as not only did they pick up useful writing and photography tips, but agreed that the session was ‘inspiring and a great networking opportunity’.

Vera Gilbert, a member of Holly Lane United Reformed church, says she went along because ‘I thought I’d meet lots of interesting people – and I did! There was film-maker Raju, Deborah of Midlands Opera, local authors Val and Ann – everyone had a project and was keen to pick up publicity tips’.

Added Vera: “Reporting on how much I enjoyed the seminar will be the first piece I will write for the next issue of our church paper, so I made sure I had a photograph with my certificate and the presenters. We all learnt a lot and laughed a lot too.”

Nurse Donna Day attended with her brother JJ. “My brother asked if I’d be interested as we both have experience in photography. And I thought it would be good to learn how to platform and raise awareness for my project SNaP - Supporting Nurses with PTSD and other mental illnesses - which I hope one day will be a successful charity. I picked up some useful tips, and it was nice to network with people who shared a similar passion. All in all, inspiring and I’m set fair now to further develop my project.”

Sheila and Richard would like to thank Pat Pedder and all the library staff who helped prepare the room and gave everyone such a warm welcome.

**Richard and Sheila can set up further seminars or offer presentations. Contact Sheila on 377 7899 - e-m sheilapennell@talktalk.net or Richard on 350 4629.

Media Release Seminar held in Erdington Library hailed a success

A diverse group of would-be publicists for their causes or clubs took advantage of the first ever media seminar held in the community room at Erdington library on Saturday, 16 June.

The thirteen participants were lucky, as not only did they pick up useful writing and photography tips, but agreed that the session was ‘inspiring and a great networking opportunity’.
August saw the opening of a new ‘good cause’ shop in Erdington in what used to be Store Twenty One. The Trust aims to ‘give away over a million free books a year’ and to promote a love of reading to old and young alike.

Manager of the store, Michelle Haynes, opened the doors on Monday 13 August and, she says, ‘the public rushed in to buy all sorts – mostly clothing and goods left over from the shop’s ‘Store Twenty One’ trading days. People also donated second-hand furniture and, although up to three books are completely free, kind Erdington folk wanted to make generous donations to the charity too. So much so, that the takings were brilliant on the day’.

Michelle was ably assisted by her two daughters, 12-year old Millie and 10 year-old Lexi, (pictured) in getting the store ready to open. Says Michelle: “It’s certainly been busy! The plan is for people to come in, browse the books on our shelves, sit comfy and stay and read if they want. Visitors can take up to three books home for free. We’re involved in lots of educational initiatives – at home and abroad – and we hope the public will support us.”

Trustee of the charity, Junaid Rahim who hails from Wakefield, says he and his fellow trustees are ‘delighted to take on the lease of the store in Erdington’. “We set up the charity in 2011 – raising money to build a school and community centre in Sri Lanka after the tsunami and we’ve just completed the build of a school and orphanage in Gambia. Erdington is our 23rd book-shop in the UK – we believe charity should start at home but shouldn’t stay there. As well as welcoming readers and browsers into the shop, we also alongside ‘Streetlead’ providing books to and for the homeless.”

The charity asks for donations of furniture, and will collect for free, and they will also collect clothing, bric-a-brac and electricals. If you can deliver your donations, there is parking outside and at the rear. Sales of goods are needed to ensure the charity can cover the rent and rates – but the books will always be free.

Michelle added: “We want to expand our service, and deliver books to elderly folk who are isolated or who find it hard to leave their homes, and we want to be able to deliver books to local hospitals, hospices and nursing homes.”

* To find out more, call in or telephone 07468 869048.
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**Indoor Markets**

**Erdington Market**
Barnabas Road
Open Tues, Friday, Saturday

**Wilton Market**
High Street (Opposite the CoOp)
Open 6 days

**Retail Multiples Ltd**
Formerly Swannies (Opposite the CoOp)
Open 6 days
Erdington Business Improvement District (BiD) comprises of almost 300 retail and non retail businesses (listed below) in the town centre area, including the High Street, Coton Lane, York Road, Barnabas Road, New Street, Orphanage Road, and the High Street side of Sutton New Road. Businesses voted in 2016 for the BiD to continue for a further 5 years from July 2017.

The aim of the BiD is to help preserve the town centre as a thriving community area and to encourage residents to ‘shop local’.

HAIR & BEAUTY:
- Adam, Barber
- Beauty Palace (Coton Lane)
- Billies Salon (Coton Lane)
- Christophra Hair Design (Coton Lane)
- Christos
- Consul Sun Centre
- G Style Barber (Nr Six Ways)
- Glamour Hair & Cosmetics
- Hollywood Hair Salon
- Imaan Hair & Cosmetics
- Kennedys Hair Salon (New St)
- Kizuri
- Marchelles Hair (York Road)
- One Stop Cosmetics
- Roshair
- Slicks Barber Shop
- Star Nail Art
- Tia’s Hair Salon (York Road)
- U 1st Nails (Orphanage Rd)

HEALTH & PERSONAL CARE:
- Boots (+ Pharmacy)
- Erdington Day & Night Chemist & Pharmacy
- Erdington Osteopaths (Coton Lane)
- Grahams
- Holland & Barratt
- Lloyds Pharmacy
- Savers
- Superdrug (+Pharmacy)
- Walk In Health Centre
- Zhang Natural Healing (Coton La.)

HOUSE & HOME:
- Abbey Fire Centre (Sutton new Rd)
- All Domestic Electrical (Central Square)
- Bright House
- Erdington Pet Centre
- Furniture City
- Gift Shop (York Road)
- Hart’s Textiles Ltd
- Litecraft (Sutton New Rd)
- Optima Designs Granite Worktops (Station Rd)
- Rainbow Carpets (Sutton New Rd)
- Traditional Furniture Stores (nr C-Op)
- West Midland Lighting Centre (York Rd)

INSURANCE & PERSONAL FINANCE:
- Albermarle & Bond (Cheque & Pawn)
- Cash Generator
- Buy & Sell Mart
- Coton Financial Management Ltd (Coton Lane)
- DLP Financial Services Ltd (Sutton New Rd)
- Money Shop
- Rounds

JEWELLERS:
- Direct Jewellers
- Golden Crystal (Orphanage Road)
- The Gold Bar

MUSIC, TV, VIDEO & GAMES:
- Entertainment Exchange
- Smokin’ Vinyl (Coton Lane)

NEWSAGENTS:
- Apex News (Six Ways)
- Erdington News Plus (Six Ways)
- Supernews
- W H Smith

OPTICIANS:
- Charles Morris Opticians (York Rd)
- Peter Bainbridge Opticians
- Scrivens
- Specsavers
- Ward Ophthalamic Opticians (Sutton New Rd)

PUBS & CLUBS:
- Club Maragh
- Erdington Club Ltd (Sutton New Road)
- HQ Bar (Orphanage Road)
- The Church Tavern
- The Charlie Hall JD Wetherspoon
- (Barnabas Road)
- The Swan

RECRUITMENT & TRAINING:
- AM to PM (York Road)
- Tewepline
- The Permanent Link / Link 2 Recruit

SERVICES:
- A Hazel Funerlal Directors
- (Opposite St Barnabas church)
- Black Cab Taxi Rank
- (o/s St Barnabas Church)
- Erdington Fire Station (Orphanage Rd)
- Erdington Walk-In Health Centre
- High Street Funeral Directors
- Ian Skeit Funeral Services (Sutton New Rd)
- Job Centre Plus (Sutton New Rd)
- Library (Orphanage Rd)
- Neighbourhood Office (Sutton New Rd)
- Police Station (Sutton New Rd)
- Post Office (inside WH Smiths)
- Regency Cars - Taxis (Wilton Road)
- Town Centre Management (Central Sq.)
  (0121 306 4270)

SPECIALIST SERVICES:
- DIY Icing Centre (Edwards Road)
- Euro Guard Ltd Security (Atrion Centre)
- Genfab (General Fabrications)
- Lingo Learning Ltd Language services
  (New Street)
- Max Spielman (Photographic)
- TheSignLife (Services for the deaf community)
- Vapour Shop (York Road)
- Whittington Tool Hire (Mason Rd)

SPORTS & FITNESS:
- Erdington Leisure Centre (Orphanage Rd)
- The Loft Pilates & Fitness Studio (44 High St)

SUPERMARKETS:
- Farm Foods
- Heron Foods
- Iceland
- Midland Co-Op Superstore
- Tesco Express (Six Ways)

TAKE AWAY / FAST FOOD:
- Baguette Du Maison
- Best of British
- Big John’s (Sutton New Rd)
- Caspian Pizza (Six Ways)
- Chop Wok (York Rd)
- Classic Fish Bar (Six Ways)
- Easy Bite
- Erbil Shawarma & Grill
- Island Spice Caribbean (Wood End Rd)
- KFC (Sutton New Rd)
- Lee Garden (Orphanage Road)
- Ocean Blue Fish Bar (Orphanage Rd)
- Pizza Hut Delivery (Sutton New Rd)
- Ruby Cantonese Takeaway (York Rd)
- Sam’s Chicken
- Subway (Near Six Ways)
- Taste of Bangladesh (Coton Lane)

TATTOO ARTISTS:
- Manic Ink Tattoo Salon (Wood End Rd)
- The Tattooed Gent (Near KFC)

TELECOMS, ELECTRONICS & COMPUTERS ETC:
- EE (Nr Central Square)
- MN Computers (Central Squ.)
- Mr Mobile Phone
- Mobilicious (Sutton New Rd)
- Phone Junkies (Coton La.)
- PhonesXChange (Central Square)
- 3 FC (In Superdrug)
- The Net Internet Cafe

TRAVEL AGENTS:
- Co-Op Travel (inside Co-Op)
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We have an opportunity for 3 lucky winners to win their dream tattoo with either Carl, Felix or Kayleigh.

For your chance to win just like our page and like and share this post with #idreamofthetattooedgent on Instagram and/or Facebook. Comment on the original post with your dream tattoo and for an extra entry tag your ideal artist of choice too!

Winners will be picked at random on the 30th October 2018.

Entry is free but you must have followed all these steps and have liked our page to be in with a chance.

Your dream tattoo can be as big or as small as you want but must be done in one sitting. Portraits with Carl only.

All designs will be custom drawn to your specifications. We will not be taking on cover-ups for this competition.

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Bishop’s Pets, Indoor Market
(formerly Swannies)

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