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THE GOLDEN BOYS ARE BACK IN TOWN

IN TODAY'S ISSUE ...

Birmingham's iconic statue of the city's golden boys has returned to Broad Street and Ladywood's World Champion gold medal winning gymnast, Joe Fraser, gets set for Commonwealth Games glory.



WELCOME

Welcome to issue 53 of The Brew 'Us Bugle, the long running magazine of The Ladywood History Group, which was first produced in 2001.

The next few issues are being funded through Birmingham City Council's Celebrating Communities Fund set up to celebrate the Commonwealth Games. This means we are able to produce more print copies than normal so we may pick up a number of new readers.

Any new reader may be unfamiliar with the term Brew 'us, or brew house. A brew house was the name given to the building in the backyards and courtyards of the old Victorian and early Edwardian houses which once were a feature of the streets of Ladywood. It was in these buildings the women (always women in those days) did the washing and stopped for a chat with neighbours. News and information was exchanged there. From time to time the men folk used the buildings to brew their own beer. The title reflects these historic structures, and although we can't provide the beer, we can supply the news and information!

If you would like to comment on this issue or contribute to the next edition, please get in touch.

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Please call into the library if you can to see our extensive collection of photographs and memorabilia of things 'Made in Ladywood.'

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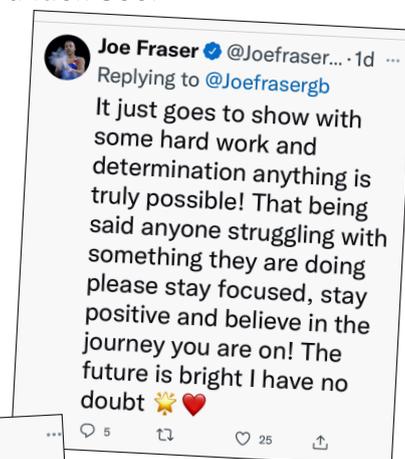
Ladywood's Joe Fraser, a former pupil of Oratory Primary School is dreaming of a Commonwealth Games medal in his home city.

In an exclusive interview with Brew 'us Bugle Joe said: I've just been training as hard as I can in the gym and building up consistency in my routines so that I can go out and deliver some amazing results. I've grown up here and lived here all my life and Birmingham holds a very special place in my heart. For me being able to compete here and have my family, friends and people who have supported me over the years to see what I have been working so hard for my whole life, It'll be a dream come true. I am excited about being able to give something back to the community that has supported me.'

Joe was speaking in Victoria square on St George's Day as he and fellow local competitors met under a huge St George's Day flag that was stretched across the Town Hall.

These two tweets from Joe give an indication of the hard work and commitment that Joe has put in over the years.

All we can say is: **'Good luck Joe.'**



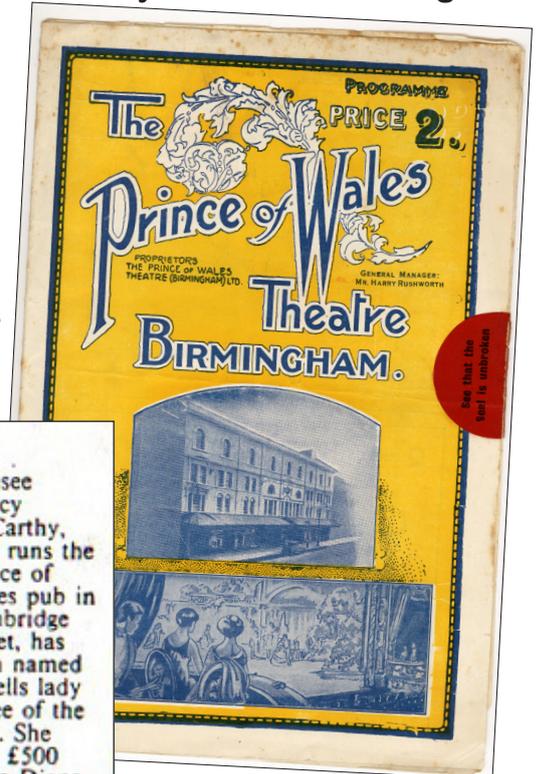
THE PRINCE OF WALES RE-OPENS

The Prince of Wales pub on Cambridge Street has re-opened after yet another redesign.

The pub dates from 1854 and stayed pretty much untouched until given a makeover in about 1989 which saw the removal of the genuine Victorian fixtures and fittings and replacement by fake Victorian ones. Following other ownership changes it is now in the hands of Black Country Ales and they have redesigned the interior and it appears to be a popular pub. Many older readers will remember popular landlady Nancy McCarthy, and also a petition supported by Warwickshire cricketer Bob Willis which helped to save the pub from demolition at around the time the International Convention was being built.

action in April 1941.

Details about the theatre can be seen on this info card from the Ladywood History Group's collection.



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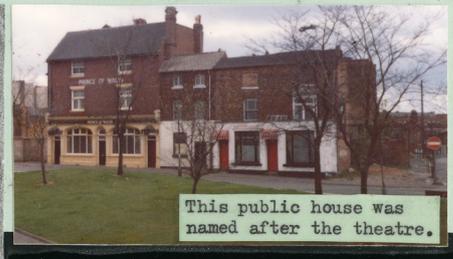
Birmingham licensee Nancy McCarthy, who runs the Prince of Wales pub in Cambridge Street, has been named Ansell's lady lessee of the year. She won £500 and two tickets to a Diana Ross concert. 2nd 6/1994



The pub is named after The Prince of Wales Theatre which stood on Broad Street until it was destroyed by enemy

The building began as a high class music hall. It opened on 13 Sept' 1856. The building cost £12,000. It did not prove very successful as a music hall, and on 13 May 1862 a theatrical licence was applied for and granted. It was reopened as The Royal Music Hall & Operetta House. It became the Prince of Wales' Operetta House after the Royal Wedding in March 1863. The building was reconstructed in 1876.

PRINCE OF WALES THEATRE



Commencing SAT., DEC. 23rd. TWICE DAILY at 2 and 6.30 EMILE LITTLER presents ARTHUR ASKEY BILLY BENNETT CORA GOFFIN O'GORMAN BROS. in England's Premier Pantomime: "JACK & JILL"	<p>PRINCE OF WALES THEATRE BIRMINGHAM</p> <p>PRICES OF ADMISSION.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <th>Stalls</th> <th>Dress Circle</th> <th>Upper Circle</th> <th>Balcony</th> </tr> <tr> <td>6/- 4/- 3/-</td> <td>5/6 4/6</td> <td>3/- 2/6</td> <td>1/-</td> </tr> </table> <p>All Seats Now Bookable in Advance. Box Office open daily from 10 to 9. Phone Mid. 5684 (3 lines).</p> <p>Please enclose stamped addressed envelope with enquiry for seats.</p> <p>The management reserve the right to make any alterations in the cast rendered necessary, owing to illness or other unavoidable causes.</p> <p>c1940</p>	Stalls	Dress Circle	Upper Circle	Balcony	6/- 4/- 3/-	5/6 4/6	3/- 2/6	1/-
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TNT NEWS

The latest stories which bring the past up to date can be viewed on our website: tntnews.co.uk

The most recent stories include:

The history of the famous Birmingham newspaper the Sports Argus. If you've a story about when you were in the Argus, please get in touch. The Sports



Pic: A famous front page from a certain game in 1966.

Argus was a much-respected Saturday night sports paper in the West Midlands. It was published from 1897 until 2006 and even now, nearly sixteen years after it ceased publication it is still fondly remembered.



SCAN ME

School children helped by Commonwealth Games marathon hopeful Hayley Carruthers, and Trees For Life, planted trees in Pype Hayes Park.



This was part of The Queen's Green Canopy initiative which aims to green-up areas of the Commonwealth during the monarch's Platinum Jubilee year.



SCAN ME

A bridge in Netherton which was daubed with the words 'Aste Is The King' after Jeff Astle scored the winning goal as West Bromwich Albion thrashed Everton 1-0 in the 1968 F A Cup Final has been given a makeover. The graffiti has often been removed only for it to reappear almost overnight. Now, over 50 years later, a permanent name plate has been added to the bridge by Dudley Council formalising the name and saving fans from needing to continually daub the bridge with countless cans of paint!



SCAN ME

1970 THAT WAS THE YEAR THAT WAS

During the Summer of 1970 the Commonwealth Games was held in Edinburgh. Birmingham runner Ian Stewart, who trained with Birchfield Harriers.

He ran away with the headlines when he won gold in the 5,000 metres, a story which made the pages of the 'famous sports paper' the Sports Argus.



Two other names from the local sports world in 1970 were Ann Jones and Trevor Francis.

Ann won the Wimbledon Ladies' Singles at Wimbledon in 1969 and had a regular column on how to play tennis in 1970.



Trevor Francis made his debut, as a 16-year-old for Birmingham City. He became an instant hero at success starved Blues. In 1979 he became Britain's first £1 million player following his transfer from Birmingham City to Nottingham Forest. He scored the winning goal for Forest in the 1979 European Cup final.



THEN AND NOW MONUMENT ROAD IN 1970

Hidden away behind the magnificent tree is the ironmongers and construction company of Whitehouse, located at 247 Monument Road at the junction with Waterworks Road.

Today the building has disappeared, but the trees seem to be thriving. The one on the right may well be the original. Possibly the one on the left has been replaced, the original stump can be seen if you walk down the road.



1970

Ladywood Community Centre at Ledbury Close looking towards St Vincent Street in May 1970 and May 2022.

The Community Centre as it looks today from St Vincent Street.

Pupils at St John's School on St Vincent Street in 1970. Today the school is establishing an eco-friendly garden to rival their efforts of 1970.

The Five Ways clock was re-sited at Five Ways as the infamous island was taking shape.



1970 TV advert from the Co-op.

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This Month in History: June

1 June 1917

Birmingham got its first two policewomen on the beat during World War I. Rebecca Lipscombe and Evelyn Myles were lock up matrons and they stepped out on the beat for the first time on 1 June 1917.

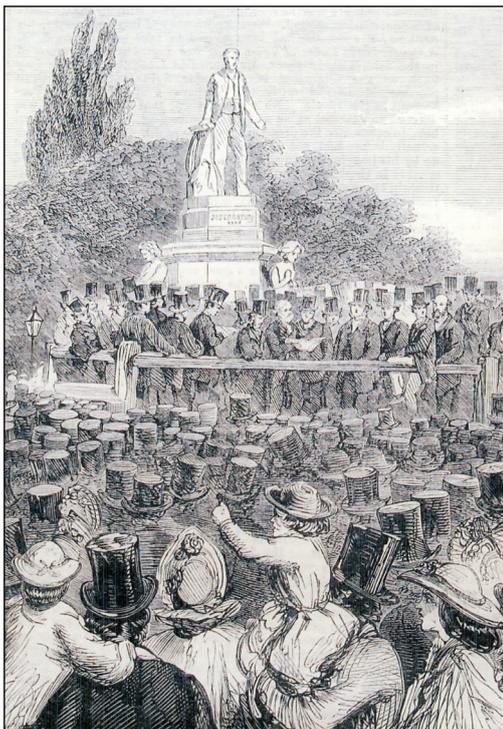


2 June 1902

An entry in the logbook of Steward Street School (Girls' department) reads:
Holiday given to celebrate the conclusion of the war in South Africa and the declaration of Peace. A later entry dated 13 June 1902 reads: 'All teachers at school. Attendance has begun to recover from the effects of the Peace Celebrations.'

4 June 1862

The statue of anti-slavery campaigner and temperance society supporter, Joseph Sturge, which stands at Five Ways, was unveiled before a crowd of 12,000. The sculptor was John Thomas who sadly died before the unveiling.



7 June 1883

A small group of representatives from the local fishing clubs met at The Old Green Man pub in Lancaster St. Birmingham to discuss setting up a society of angling

clubs to lobby the railway companies for reduced train fares for anglers at weekends. So came into being The Birmingham and District Amalgamated Angling Association later to be known simply as The Birmingham Anglers Association.

9 June 1951

A new bronze statue of Queen Victoria was unveiled in front of the Council House, replacing the original marble one that has partly eroded away.

18 June 1841

Earl Howe laid the foundation stone to the Queen's Hospital which became the world renowned 'Acci.'

16 June 2010

The Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham admitted its first patients. It was officially opened on 12 July 2012

29 June 1995

Lisa Clayton went into the record books as the first woman to complete a single-handed round-the-world voyage, covering 3,000 miles in her 38 feet long yacht called The Spirit of Birmingham. She set off on 17 September 1994 and returned on 29 June 1995, after 285 days at sea.

21 June 1965

The last race was run at Birmingham's Bromford Bridge racecourse. It was sold for house building. Ladywood doctor, and former Lord Mayor Louis Glass ran a horse called 'Forward', but it didn't win. A horse called Plantation Inn finished last in the last ever race.



30 June 2009

Iris Bulpitt the last descendent of the famous Ladywood based manufacturer Bulpitt & Sons attended a ceremony at their former factory at the corner of Icknield Street and Camden Street to mark the official start on work to turn the building into apartments. She handed over a set of Bulpitt & Sons teaset to the safe keeping of the Ladywood History Group. The items are currently on show at the Ladywood History Group's permanent exhibition space in Spring Hill Library.



THE QUEEN'S PLATINIUM JUBILEE



At the time of her Coronation in Westminster Abbey street parties were held across the city.

Each child born in the city on Coronation Day was given £2 2s to open an account at the Birmingham Municipal Bank, 200,000 junior and infant school children received a mug and a tin of chocolates and head teachers in secondary schools could choose gifts for their children from a list which included decorated glass tumblers, propelling pencils and sweets dishes as well as the mug. A canister containing half a pound of tea plus tea caddy spoon was distributed to elderly people. Entertainment included performances by the Great Jaldi & Co in Summerfield Park followed by the Birmingham Scottish Pipe Band and a fireworks display.

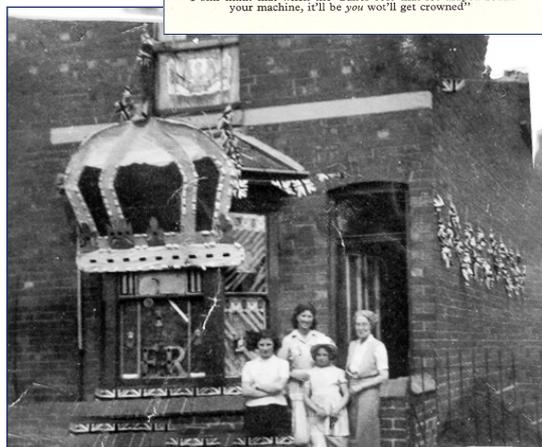


Monument Road, Ladywood. Brenda Edwards collection



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Bellefield Road Winson Green. Shirley Hicken collection



A look back on a few occasions when HM The Queen visited Birmingham.

The Queen at the Hall of Memory with Lord Mayor, Freda Cocks as part of her Silver Jubilee tour in 1977.



At the International Convention Centre in June 1991 with Lord Mayor Bill Turner. Gary Turner collection.



'The Queen officially opened the city's International Convention Centre in Broad Street. Year 4 formed a guard of honour around the statue in Centenary Square depicting the city's motto 'Forward'. As the Queen was shown the statue they parted in the manner of a curtain to give her majesty a complete view of the sculpture. Another group from Year 6 joined in with nearly 300 other Ladywood children to sing a musical fanfare for the Queen as she was shown round the interior of the building. These children received a commemorative bag from Cadbury's containing a selection of poems and of course a selection of chocolates. They were also taken on a special narrow boat trip and then they tucked into a buffet lunch at the Council House'. Oratory School Logbook.

HISTORY IN THE NEWS!

THE FATHER OF THE HOUSE

At the May 2022 local elections, Ladywood's two sitting councillors, Sir Albert Bore and Kath Hartley were re-elected to serve the area. Albert is the longest serving councillor a continuous basis- since being elected in 1980. Councillor Paul Tilsley CBE started on the council before him but broke his service in mid 1980s. The City Council adopts Parliament rules of longest continuous serving member should be regarded as to be Father of the House. He was knighted in the 2002 New Year honours for services to local government.



THE GOLDEN BOYS ARE BACK!

The statue of three of the city's pioneering industrialists Matthew Boulton James Watt William Murdoch was re-erected in Centenary Square last month. The original statue was unveiled in September 1956 on the opposite side of Broad Street outside the Register Office. It was taken away for cleaning and renovation at the time that it was moved to make way for the metro track to be laid.



Scan here to see the statue being returned to its plinth on TNT News.



SCAN ME

OUR HISTORY INSPIRES MEDAL DESIGNERS

The medals for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games have been designed by students from the School of Jewellery in the Jewellery Quarter and manufactured by Toye, Kenning and Spencer, who have historic links with the Quarter. The press release notes: The designers took inspiration from the journey that athletes take to reach their goal of competing at the Games, and so embossed areas, symbolising an aerial map of the host region's road and canal network, have been included as a key feature of the design.

