

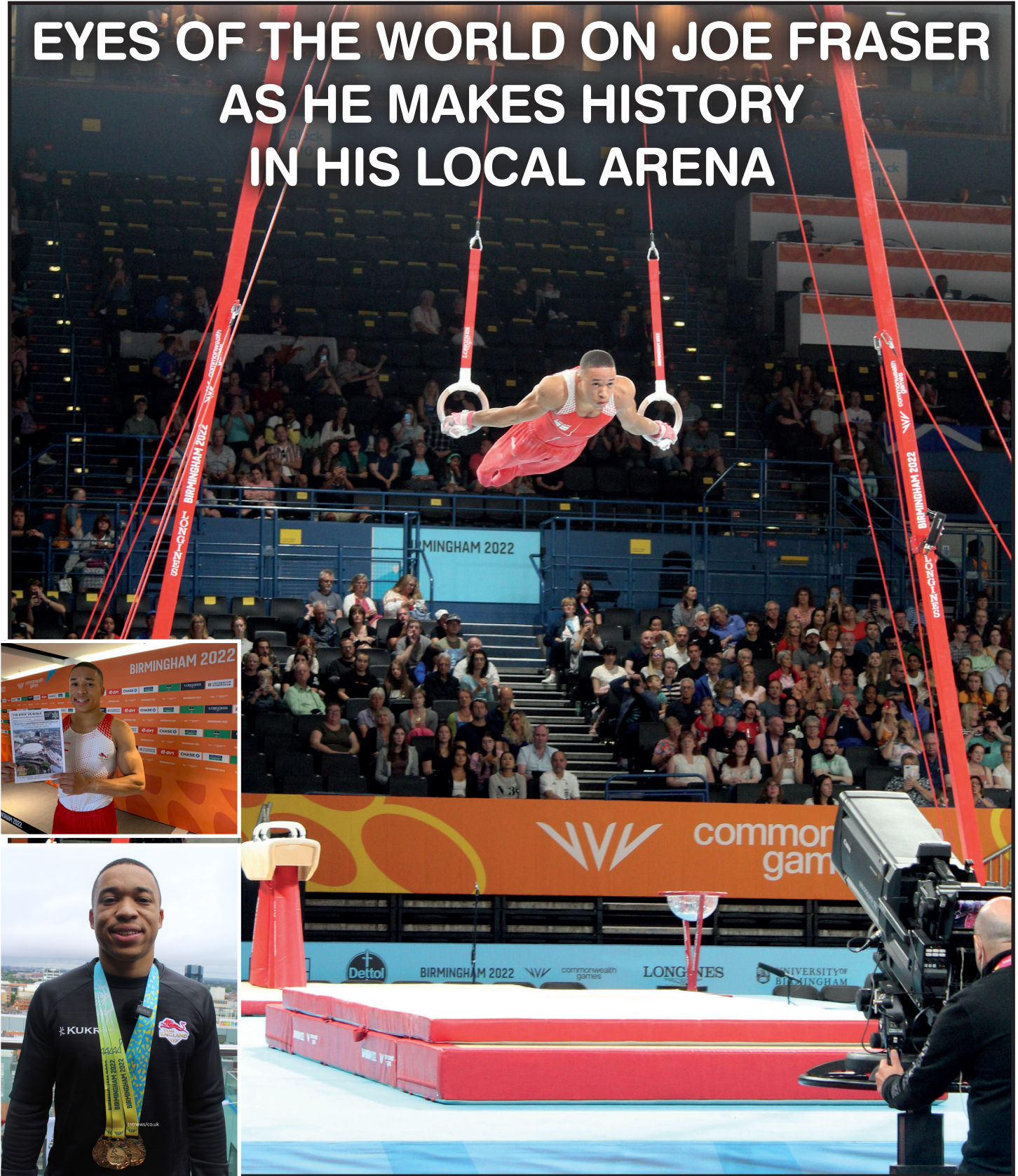
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EYES OF THE WORLD ON JOE FRASER AS HE MAKES HISTORY IN HIS LOCAL ARENA



WELCOME

Welcome to issue 55 of Ladywood History Group's magazine, *The Brew 'Us Bugle*. The Commonwealth Games is over, but the memories live on as Birmingham basks in the glow of an event which reached an audience of billions and brought world-wide acclaim to the city. One of the most successful events was the gymnastics where Bugle reader, Joe Fraser, won three gold medals at the National Indoor Arena – just a short walk along the canal from his Ladywood home. Hearty congratulations to Joe. It is great to see a local man do well and raise the profile of Ladywood.

The other big talking point from the Commonwealth Games was the bull which stole the show at the opening ceremony and went on display in Centenary Square. Never has so many people gathered in the Square!

Everyone can be so proud at what the City has achieved especially as Brum had less time than usual to organise the Games-as it was elected at short notice after Durban pulled out due to financial constraints. Birmingham was expected to bid for the 2026 Games, but instead Durban's loss was certainly Birmingham's gain!

Joe, the bull and other Commonwealth Games talking points are heavily featured in this Commonwealth Games special edition of *The Brew 'Us Bugle*.

Bugle editor, Norman Bartlam, had access to many of the main Commonwealth Games events- reporting, filming and photographing for Birmingham local TV and TNT News. All the Games related photos in this issue were taken by him unless stated.

One of the best photos was taken in the media scrum as Sir Lenny Henry carried the Queen's Relay Baton across Chamberlain Square. If proof were needed that Norman took it, this picture taken from BBC Breakfast News 8.00 am news headlines, showed him taking the photograph - it caused some amusement!



On our website, run in conjunction with TNT NEWS (The News Team in Ladywood), there is a dedicated section on the Commonwealth Games, so check out www.tntnews.co.uk.

We haven't forgotten our 'bread n butter' and regular features including the ever popular 'This Month in History' have not been forgotten in the post games euphoria. We always like to commemorate significant anniversaries and this month sees the 50th anniversary of the opening of Ladywood School which replaced Osler Street School.

The closure of Osler Street was featured in the last issue of *The Brew 'Us Bugle*, as was our look back at the history of the National Indoor Arena, and it was very well received – especially in the recently re-opened Prince of Wales pub on Cambridge Street, where overseas visitors clamoured for copies to take home as unique souvenirs of their time in Birmingham and visit to the nearby arena. That issue is available on www.tntnews.co.uk and can be found here:

This edition has once again been sponsored by Birmingham City Council's Commonwealth Games Community Fund (Ladywood Ward).

Finally, thanks to Anthony Spettigue who has, as always, made a good job of proof reading this issue, hopefully you won't find any miss takes or eras!

by Albert Trapp,
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Please call into Spring Hill Library to see our extensive collection of old Ladywood photographs and memorabilia.



BIRMINGHAM HERITAGE WEEK

Birmingham Heritage Week- it runs 9-18 September 2022- showcases the best the city has to offer in terms of its heritage.

The website www.birminghamheritageweek.co.uk has details of what is happening throughout the week.

Ladywood History Group will have a special exhibition at Spring Hill Library. It will showcase images of the events at the National Indoor where Ladywood's Joe Fraser made history by winning three gymnastic gold medals (always worth repeating!!). the exhibition will also include images

of the construction of the National indoor Arena 1988-1990 taken by pupils from Ladywood School. There will also be images of other Commonwealth Games events including the famous bull in Centenary Square.

Visitors will also be able to see Ladywood History Group's permanent display of memorabilia 'Made in Ladywood' and hundreds of photos and cuttings about Ladywood and how it has changed over the years.

Previous editions of Ladywood History Group's magazine 'The Brew 'Us Bugle' will be available.

Spring Hill Library is a magnificent Victorian building – well worth a visit- during normal opening hours between 9.00-13.00 and 14.00-17.00 hours on Saturday 10th, Wednesday 14th, Friday 16th and Saturday 17th September 2022.

The library is located at Spring Hill Island, postcode B18 7BH. Drivers can use Tesco car park. Buses 8 Inner Circle or 82, 87 and 89 from the City Centre stop nearby.

No need to book just turn up! We hope to see you there.

When Spring Hill Library celebrated its 120th anniversary in January 2013 TNT News created a news bulletin with real news stories from January 1893 and a dramatised account of the construction and opening of the library, using newspaper reports from the time. Scan here to watch the programme.

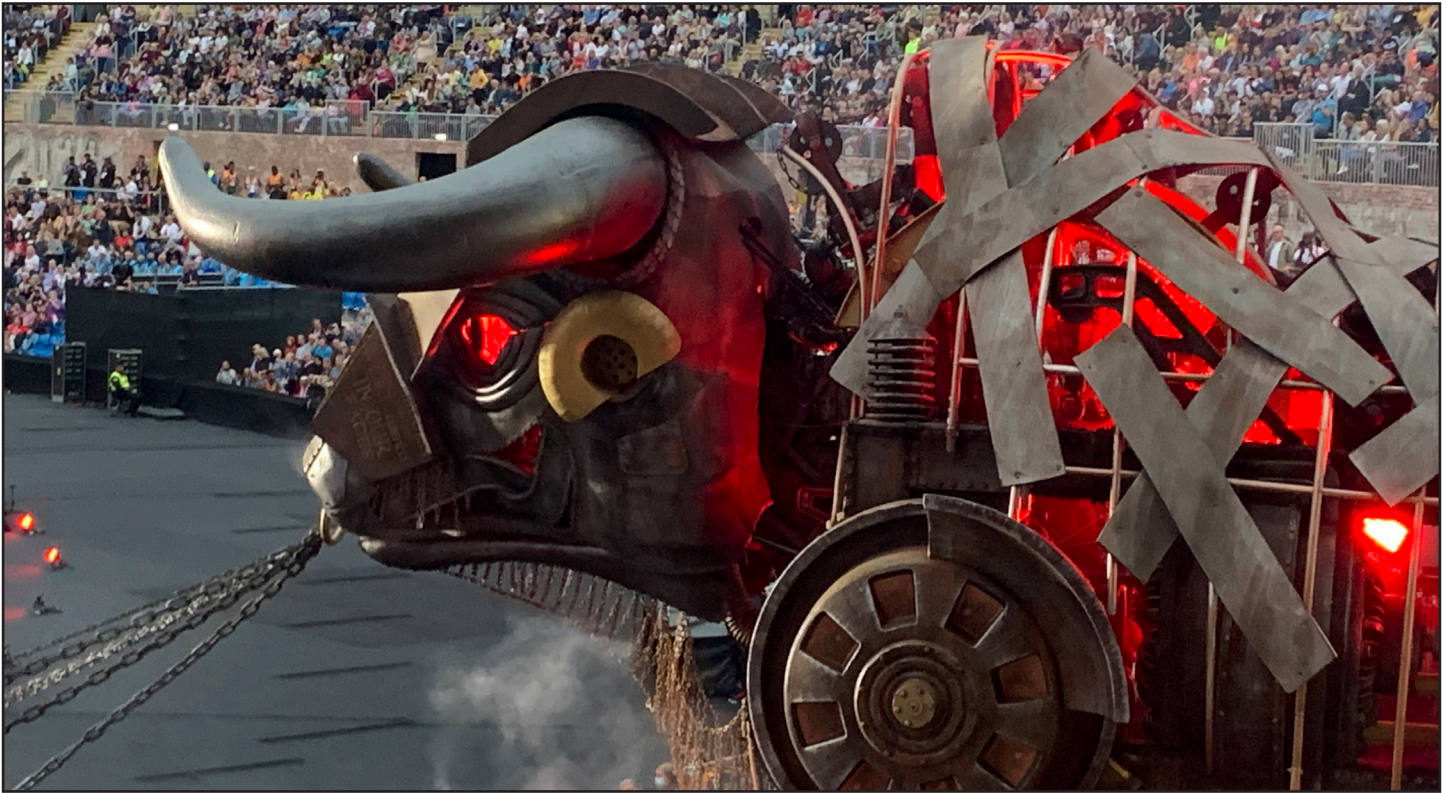


Part of our Made in Ladywood exhibition



THE OPENING CEREMONY

Birmingham 2022's Opening Ceremony was held on Thursday 28 July, staged in the newly redeveloped Alexander Stadium in front of over 30,000 people and a worldwide tv audience estimated to be in the region 1.5 billion.



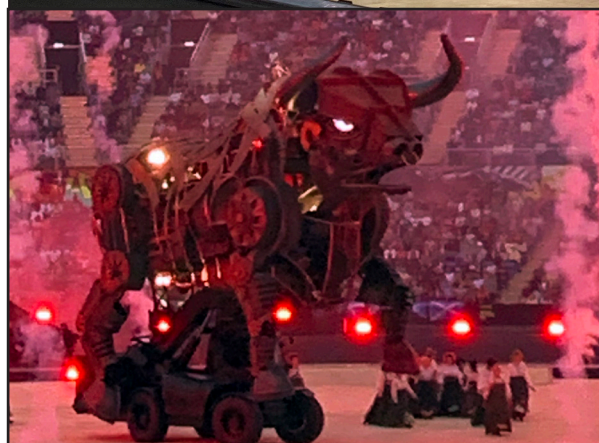
BIRMINGHAM'S HISTORY BROUGHT TO LIFE

The opening ceremony set the scene on a magnificent tournament as the revamped Alexander Stadium exploded in a burst of colour and noise celebrating Birmingham's proud history.

Many key personalities, events and industries which helped Birmingham become 'the City of a Thousand Trades', and 'the Workshop of the World' were featured in a two-and-a-half-hour performance.



The Red Arrows flew over as a union flag pattern was created by around 70 cars made in the West Midlands. Prince Charles arrived in his own Birmingham built Austin Martin and a land rover that belonged to the Duke of Edinburgh was also featured.



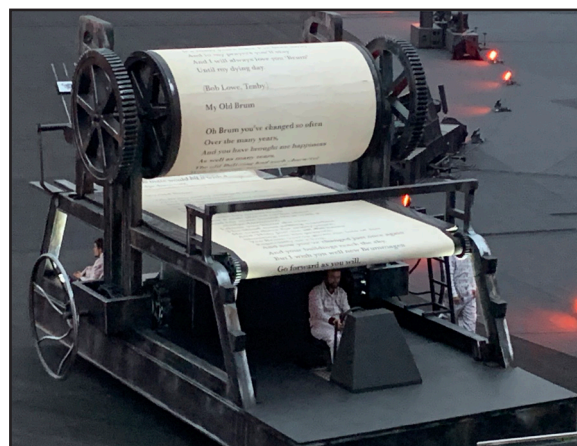
The ten-metre high, Raging Bull – which took five months to design and build-made a sensational appearance. It was pulled by fifty women chain-makers from the Black Country - depicting the chain-makers strike of 1910.

Photo: Jonathan Eden
The development of learning was illustrated in startling fashion as the great fire of 1879 showed the library of the town being burned to the ground. A workman had been trying to un-freeze gas pipes, and accidentally set alight some wood shavings, which led to the destruction of the building. It was later reported that fire buckets had been hung so high up, to prevent them being stolen, that few people could reach them! Much of the library stock was saved but around 50,000 books and manuscripts were lost.



A number of notable 'firsts' included John Baskerville's printing press and typing font.

A barge highlighted the Jewellery Quarter's pen making industry with boxes of Joseph Gillott's pen nibs destined for Commonwealth countries. The vessels funnel was an Acme whistle.



LOCAL LADYWOOD LAD BECOMES NATIONAL SPORTING HERO WITH TEAM GYMNASTICS GOLD

By Norman Bartlam



The Gymnastics Team Gold winners. Joe Fraser, Giarni Regini-Moran, Jake Jarman, James Hall, and Courtney Tulloch.

Team England's sensational gold medal winning performance in the Artistic Gymnastics event at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham was inspired by a remarkable comeback from injury by key man Joe Fraser. The very name conjures up memories of 'Smokin Joe Frazier', the legendary boxer, one the greatest sporting heroes of all time, but even he would be in awe of the achievement of the 2022 version of Joe Fraser – for Joe overcame what seemed insurmountable injuries to achieve his ambition of Commonwealth Gold- recovering from a ruptured appendix and foot injury in the last few months.

Joe's gold medal winning triumph came at Birmingham's National Indoor Arena, (Utilita Arena) just a short distance- as the barge chugs- from Ladywood where he and his family still live in.

Says Joe: 'Yes, my mom was even able to take a stroll along the canal to get to the arena to see me perform. It was great to look up and see her and so many others cheering on the English team. The atmosphere inside was astonishing. Everyone knows Birmingham holds a special place in my heart, and to perform in front of friends and family was something else, and I was excited to be able to perform in front of them and give something back to the community.'

As I write this feature, I recall the days when I taught local geography and history projects at Oratory Primary School in Ladywood, where Joe was a pupil with his sister Rachel. Even at the age of nine/ten he was known as a gymnast with the ability to do well and showed he had the commitment to devote the time required to succeed in his chosen sport.

One person who realised Joe had potential at an early age was his coach of the last 15 years Lee Woolls. 'Lee knows more about me than I know about myself', joked Joe. 'And with the challenges we've had over the last few weeks he's been there and been by my side every step of the way as have my teammates James

Hall, Jake Jarman, Giarni Regini-Moran and Courtney Tulloch.'

During the competition Joe dominated the pommel horse and horizontal bar disciplines and did well on the rings and parallel bars to bring every one of the 15,000 crowd to their feet.

Praise from Joe's former teachers at Oratory Primary School came in quick and fast.

'Brilliant to see Joe win gold in his home city. He was a fantastic young man in the school where I did my first headship. I can't claim any credit as I didn't teach him gymnastics but I'm very proud of him and delighted for his family.' Justin Gray (headteacher)

'Excellent, well done to Joe. It's a pinnacle of his career. He always was determined and showed commendable commitment from an early age.' John Meehan (Deputy Headteacher).

'I'm so impressed. Joe is such a lovely guy and works so hard and we knew of his potential at an early age- although he did his gymnastics work at weekends and after school, with the magnificent support of his parents. He genuinely is one of life's nice guys. Even as a nine-ten-year-old he had a cheeky smile, was well behaved, well liked and we all wished we could have a classful of Joe's!' Geraldine Price.



Joe Fraser with Norman Bartlam (It had to be taken- Ed!)

Within minutes of the team's victory I received a message from New Zealand, where another of Joe's former teachers, Elizabeth Martin, now lives. She simply wanted me to pass on her best wishes to Joe and added: 'it is great news and well done, Joe.'

Joe's former school is undergoing a massive turnover of staff and come the new term none of the teachers will have taught Joe, but the pupils will no doubt be willing to tell their new teachers of the lad from their school who turned out to be a real role model and did the area proud.

Just like other Ladywood people from over the years, Joe, when faced with adversity, showed resilience, pulled together with the support of friends, never stopped believing and now one and all are jumping and leaping with unbridled joy.

Congratulations to Joe. I almost feel guilty for telling him off for enthusiastically cartwheeling down the school corridors on the way to assembly!

ENGLAND'S ARTISTIC GYMNASTS DOMINANT EVENTS AT THE NATIONAL INDOOR ARENA

**'I'm walking around with a gold medal!
We're Commonwealth Champions
and it's just nuts!
I'm really, really happy.'**

Joe Fraser on TNT News moments after winning Team Gold



The five members of the Gold Medal winning gymnastics team were:

Jake Jarman. He won an astonishing four gold medals in the Team, All-round, Floor exercises and Vault. He is 20 years old and was born in Peterborough.

Joe Fraser. Joe won three gold medals in the Team, Pommel Horse and Parallel Bars. He is 23 years old and as you may have heard is from Ladywood, Birmingham!

Courtney Tulloch. He won two gold medals in the Team and Rings events. He is 26 years old and was born in Lewisham.

Giarnni Regini-Moran. Giarnni won four medals, a gold in Team event, a bronze in the Floor Exercises and two silvers in the All-round and Parallel Bars. Giarnni is 24 years old and was born in Great Yarmouth with Irish and Italian parents.

James Hall. He won Team Gold and silver in the All-round event. He is 26 years old and was born in Australia but was brought up in Maidstone in Kent.



'I just want to say thank you to the people that have supported me over the years including my teachers in primary school and the people of Ladywood in general, and the whole city really, as everyone has got behind me and helped me through the tough times as well as the good times and I'm really grateful and proud to be from this city.' Joe Fraser on TNT News (Adam Peaty in the background)

FACING THE MEDIA

Within minutes of winning the Gymnastics Team Gold the jubilant competitors faced the media and spoke to TNT News.

Scan here for the TNT News story





'I couldn't imagine how electric the crowd was going to be. I did have good expectations with it being a home crowd, but this has just topped everything that I imagined and it has been a special moment that I will relive forever.' Jake Jarman



'The poster is from one of my former clubs in Manchester. I saw a little boy holding it in the crowd and went over and he wanted to give it to me, so I ran over took it off him and showed him my medal.' Giarnni Regini-Moran



'It's unbelievable what has happened! I'm getting such a buzz right now and to be here with the boys on that podium after doing all that hard work is amazing. It shows that the hard work has really paid off.' Giarnni Regini-Moran



'This is my second Commonwealth Games, at the first one I was that dewy eyed boy and we won the gold and I thought nothing would beat it, but this is something else! This is even more special - in front of a home crowd and doing it with good friends that I have trained with and grew up with, wow! It has topped the last one for sure.' James Hall



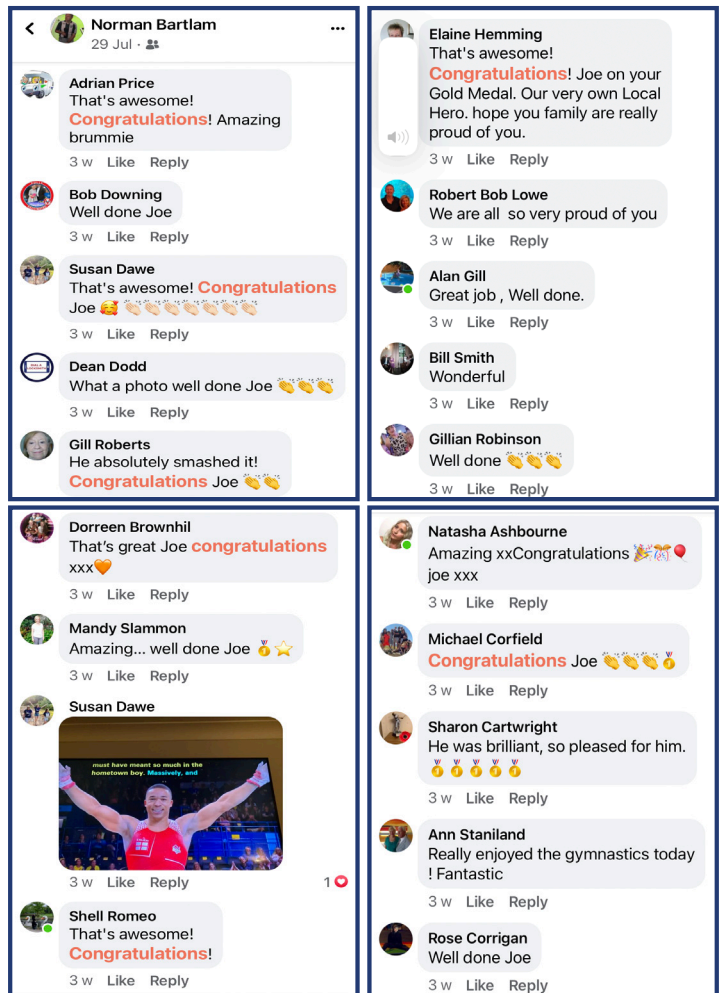
'It felt like there was 100,000 people in there! I remember speaking to Max Whitlock about a moment he experienced at the London Olympics, and he said there was a point when the crowd were cheering for him so much that it couldn't get any louder and I lived that today.' James Hall



Jake in relaxed mood as he takes a break from interviews. (One of my favourite pictures-Ed)

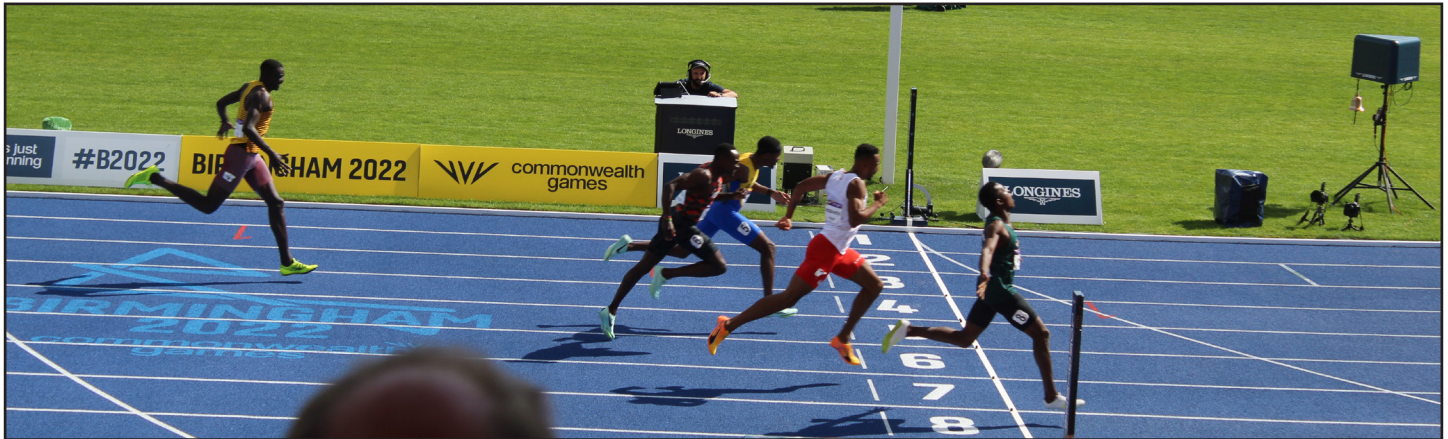


Live on BBC Radio Five Live



Messages of support from facebook and twitter @ladywoodnorm

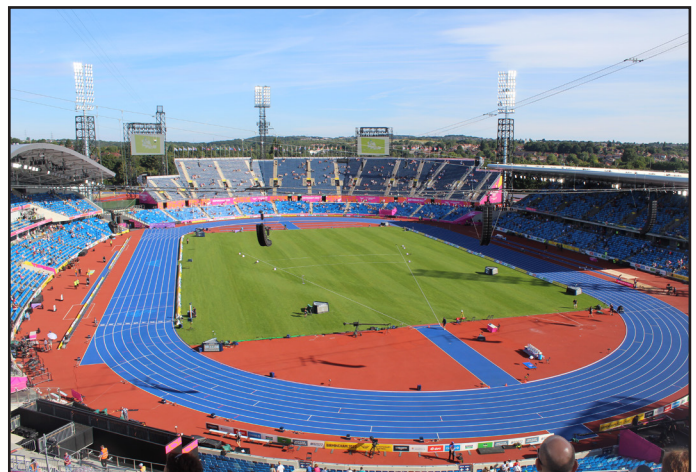
THE ALEXANDER STADIUM



A golden moment for Muzala Samukango, Zambia, as he wins the 400m final in 44.66 seconds. Matthew Hudson Smith, England, whose club Birchfield Harriers are based at the stadium, won the silver, and Jonathan Jones, Barbados just pips Kenya's Boniface Mweresa for the bronze medal. Only 0.23 secs separated the three medallists!



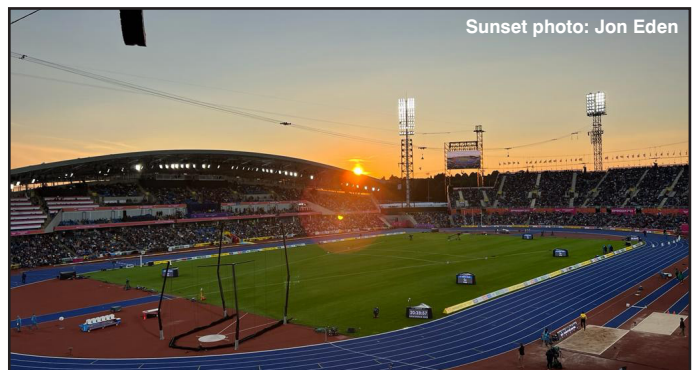
Ready for Action! Michael Joseph, St Lucia, at the start of the 4 x 100m relay final. Although St Lucia finished fifth, they were only 1.82 seconds behind gold medal winners England!



The Alexander Stadium was renovated as part of a £72 million construction programme, and with temporary seating it held 30,000 people. Once the temporary seats are removed the arena will have a permanent 18,000 capacity. Birmingham is currently bidding for the 2026 European Athletics Championships which will be held at the stadium if Brum wins the bid. The first athletics event at the venue since its redevelopment was the UK Midlands Army Athletics Championships, staged to test the stadium so it could receive the required safety certificates.



The photograph of the crowd doesn't really do justice to the event because it was one of the games successes. Thousands of people leaving the venue snaked for buses and were whisked away into the city centre arriving there less than 20 minutes after leaving the stadium. This was a triumph of organisation, a real revelation!



Sunset photo: Jon Eden

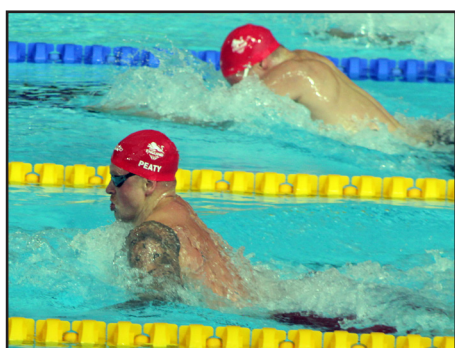


The Sandwell Aquatics Centre

There were some days and nights of outstanding swimming and diving at the new Sandwell Aquatics Centre which was the only brand-new venue for the Commonwealth Games and it hosted more medal events than any of the other sites.

It opened on 12 April 2022 to mark 100 days until the start of the Commonwealth Games.

4,000 temporary seats and a warmup pool are already being removed and in the space created gym related facilities will be installed so the centre can be used by the local community from May 2023.



In the 100 metres Breaststroke final England's James Wilby won gold beating off the challenge of two Australians and Adam Peaty finished fourth.



Adam Peaty won the 50m metres Breaststroke gold and here he is as he met the media.

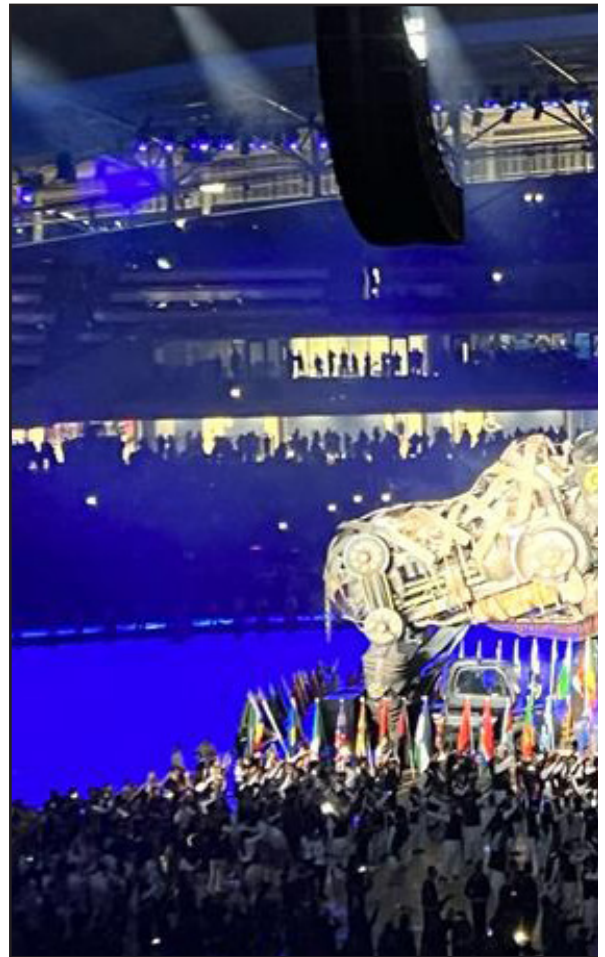


Action from the £73m pool. Photo: Simon Wright



There was a sensational women's 4 X 200 metres Freestyle Relay final with Australia clocking 7 minutes 39.29 secs beating the world record which stood at 7 mins 40.33 secs. England won the bronze medal.

REMARK.



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A bull in various guises has always been used to advertise the bull ring and the city.



Birmingham has held a market since around 1154 and a metal ring sunk into the ground was used by farmers who brought their cattle to the said markets.

For a while the market became associated with bull baiting. It is thought a bull would be attached to the ring and dogs would be set on it, this was thought to improve the quality of the meat and make it 'softer in digestion', as well as provide sport for the shoppers. Bull baiting was completely prohibited in Birmingham c.1773.

The ring was removed in 1801 when the surrounding butcher shops were demolished. But the name bull ring lives on!

KA-BULL!



Photo: Jon Eden
The Raging Bull made such a dramatic appearance at the Opening Ceremony of the Commonwealth games and has become a huge tourist attraction and helped to enhance the image of the city across the world.



Perry, the bull mascot, named after the Perry Barr area of the city where the Alexander Stadium is located, became a popular attraction at the Commonwealth Games Festival sites. Here he is with members of the Cannan family.



A sweet looking bull in Selfridges!

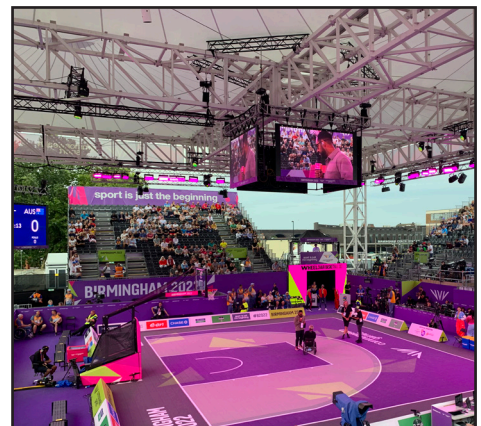


The 6.5-tonne bronze bull by Laurence Broderick was unveiled in 2003 but was overshadowed by the new raging Bull!



The stylised bull on Birmingham's under used official flag, as modelled by a spectator at the NEC.

SMITHFIELD SITE



The site of the former wholesale market was used for beach volleyball and basketball. From the volleyball stands you couldn't fail to get good views of the Birmingham skyline and of the match action. The site will be developed as part of a £1.9 billion regeneration plan for that part of the city.

3 x 3 Wheelchair basketball

ALL SPORTS



Delicious Orié, who trained in the Jewellery Quarter, on his way to boxing gold at the NEC



A study in concentration at the NEC



A stunning view from the press box at Edgbaston Cricket ground.



Spot the basketball!

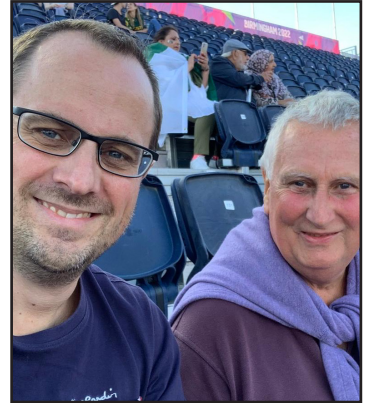
PHOTOS SENT IN BY READERS



14,000 volunteers helped to keep the games running smoothly and here is driver Ashley Starbuck with his Tesla.



Harrison, Georgina and Spencer Middleton with former badminton star Jenny Wallwork. She won a bronze medal at the 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi, and with former England cricketer Jonathan Trott at the hockey.



Alistair and Ron Middleton arrive early for the hockey at Birmingham University.



Patriotic duo Jonathan and Jenny Eden at the Alexander Stadium. Jenny, who was in the choir, took this picture of some of the singers at the opening ceremony.



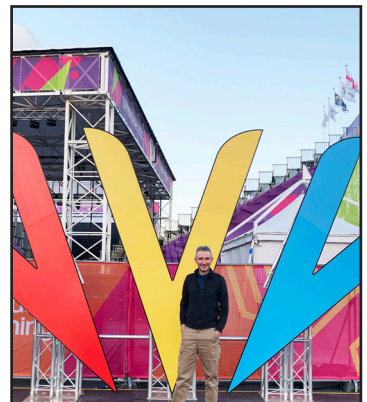
Julia and Paul Nagle eagerly anticipating a day at the athletics



Nigel and Geraldine Price bumped into the Brew 'Us Bugle editor in Chamberlain Square.



Tilly, Lucy and Joseph Cannan and, yes, it's that bull again!



Robin Blake at Smithfield Market site.



Canal & River Trust photo of Joe Fraser on a canal tour with BBC Breakfast presenter Mike Bushell.



Ilan, Sam and Emma Gould at the NEC.



Matt and Cameron Wareham with the bull.

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT 1



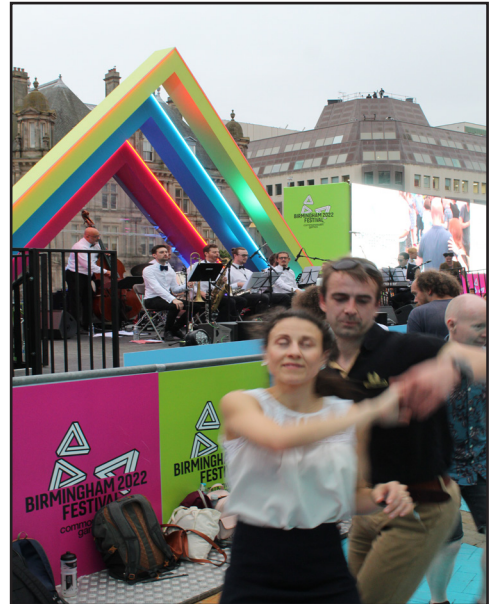
King Kong replica on the edge of the Jewellery Quarter



Deckchairs in the Bull Ring



Making a splash in Centenary Square



Traditional dancing and band in Victoria Square



The megastore, fountain and BBC studio

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT 2

Two city centre and five Neighbourhood Festival sites were held across the city. Here are pictures from the ones held in Victoria Square and at Edgbaston Reservoir.

FESTIVAL SITES

LADYWOOD FUN DAY



Victoria Square



Edgbaston Reservoir



Perry the mascot was guest at the Ladywood Fun Day, funded by the Celebrating Communities Fund (Ladywood Ward).



COMMONWEALTH GAMES CLOSING CEREMONY



The Commonwealth Games closing ceremony included a look back at Birmingham's musical history with, amongst other places, a reconstruction of the Rum Runner club, long time home to Duran Duran, which stood on Broad Street.



The event ended with a dramatic presentation from Black Sabbath.



Photo: Jonathan Eden



These four pictures were sent in by Ian Huxley who took part in the closing ceremony.

REMEMBERING LADYWOOD'S SECONDARY SCHOOLS

OSLER ST SCHOOLS 1875-1972 & LADYWOOD SCHOOL 1972-1990

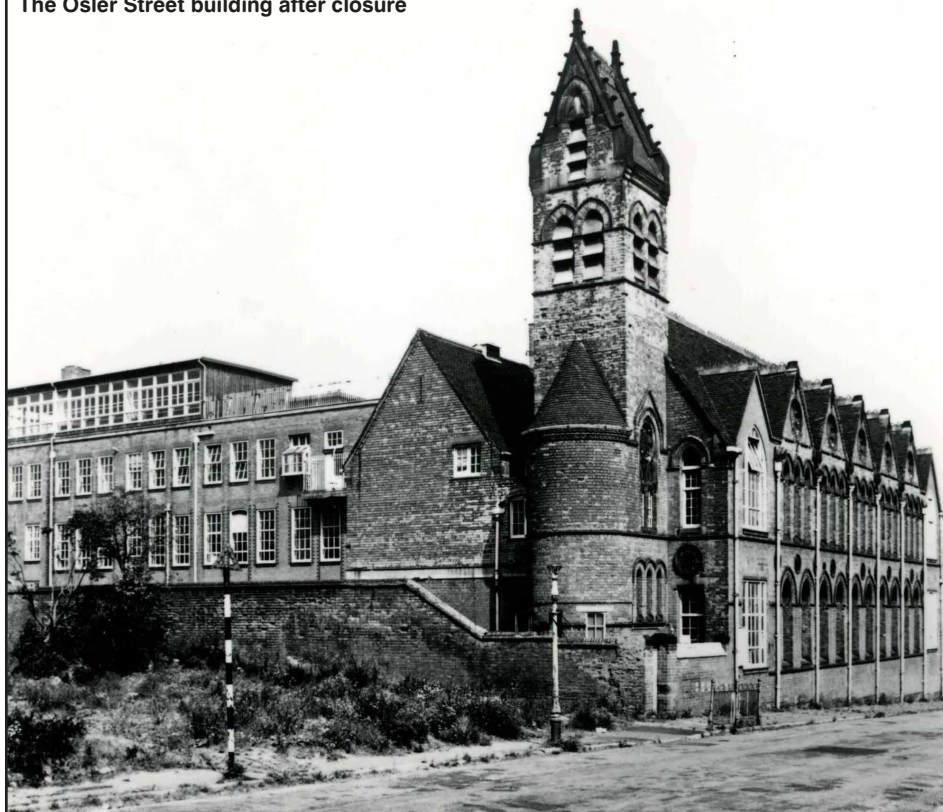
50 years ago this month there was a major revamp of secondary education in Ladywood, with the old Osler Street School being replaced by a brand new school called Ladywood School.

Osler Street was once home to a magnificent Victorian building, which at various times in its illustrious 97-year history housed separate secondary departments for boys and girls, and an infant and junior school. It was replaced by Ladywood School fifty years ago in September 1972. The old building was reopened after it closed, firstly because there was a building strike so Ladywood School was

not fully completed and it was later refurbished to accommodate a huge influx of pupils who settled in the area following the expulsion of Ugandan Asians by Idi Amin. The building was finally demolished in 1981!

Here is a photographic tribute illustrating some of the history of the schools.

The Osler Street building after closure



Osmag, the schools popular newspaper
March 1925



1947 Rita Trentham



1954 photo: Sheila Ray nee Thynne



Ladywood School staff first photograph.



1953-1954 Girls on the roof top playground
Photo: Irene Staines nee Lowe



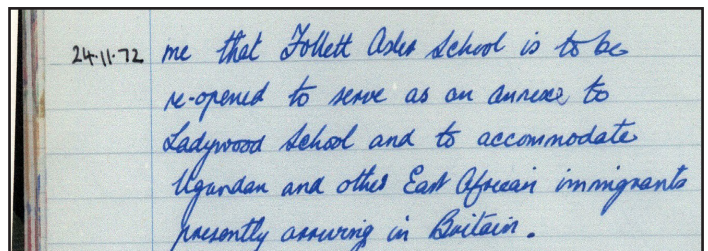
Ladywood School trip 1976 with teacher Paul Nagle



Osler Street teachers 1960 Photo: Ann Turner
Back Row: Doble, Penzer, Vaid, M Hughes, Bollen,
Padfield, Enstone, Brenton.
Front row: Bowen, Jones, Marsh, Upton, Rolan,
A Hughes, Maddison.



Ladywood School cricketers with teacher Fred Cork. Asif Din, third left on the front row went onto play for Warwickshire.

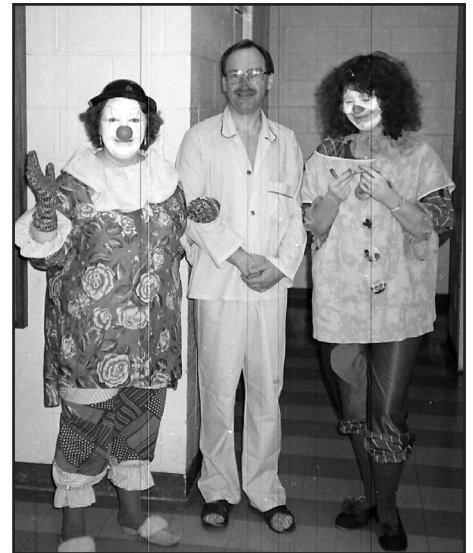


24.11.72 me that Follett Osler school is to be re-opened to serve as an annex to Ladywood school and to accommodate Ugandan and other East African immigrants presently arriving in Britain.

Extract from Ladywood School logbook January 1981



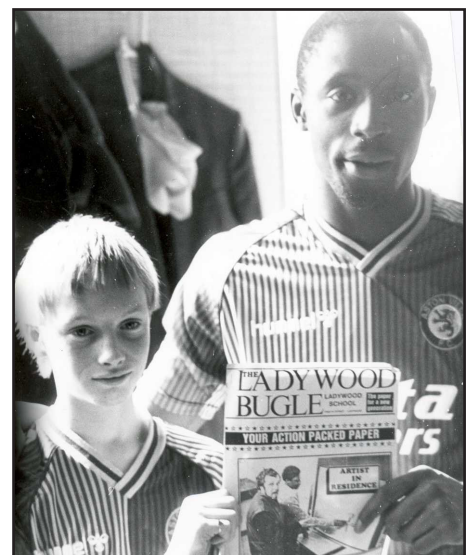
Ladywood School April 1986



Teachers V Asbury, Mr Lea, J Lever dressed for Comic Relief March 1989. At least two of them didn't normally dress like that!



Netball team c 1987



Garry Thompson of Aston Villa with Dean Dodd holding The Ladywood Bugle- Ladywood School's newspaper, shortly before it won the Daily Telegraph School Newspaper of the Year award.



Pupils on Broad St c 1987



Ladywood School deputy headteacher Jerry Richmond c 1988

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY: SEPTEMBER



Two scenes from the parade as the Bull Ring Shopping Centre opened



The Popemobile on Hagley Road

4 September 2003

The redesigned Bull Ring Shopping Centre opened its doors to the public for the first time. It took three years to develop and cost £530 million, including a £40 million Selfridges store.

276,000 people visited it on the first day and in case you're wondering the footfall was counted by 158 thermal devices in the ceilings above the entrances and exits, which measured body heat!

5 September 1970

Trevor Francis made his debut for Birmingham City, at Cardiff, as a 16-year-old. He went to greater things and won the European Cup twice with Nottingham Forest and played for England 52 times. He was England's first £1 million player.

8 September 2017

Birmingham beats off a challenge from Liverpool to become the UK's candidate to host the Commonwealth Games. I wonder what happened to that idea!



11-12 night of September 1895

Aston Villa won and lost the FA Cup in 1895! The team beat West Bromwich Albion 1-0 in that year's F A Cup Final at Crystal Palace and on the night of 11-12 September 1895 the FA Cup was put on display but was stolen from the shop window of William Shillcock, a football boot manufacturer, of Newtown Row, and was never seen again. Aston Villa were fined £25, a sum which paid for the new trophy provided by Messrs Vaughton's Ltd of Birmingham's Jewellery Quarter.

12 September 1951

The Lord Mayor opened Ladywood Community Centre, the first in the inner city.

14 September 1944

The blackout ended in Birmingham and city's 40,000 streetlights once again gave off their full light.

16 September 1977

The City Council launched the Council Lottery. All you needed to do was pay 25p and scratch away to reveal three matching cards and win £500. The law restricted sales to 80,000. The first winner was Leonard Birch of Bromford. The lottery ended in March 1982.

17 September 1830

A horse called Birmingham won the St Leger at Doncaster races. Birmingham remained in training for a further three seasons after his classic success, winning four times in 1831, six times in 1832, and once in 1833.

20 September 1979

A Sea Harrier aircraft from RNAS Yeovilton landed vertically, on the BBC Social Club's football pitch for a feature on Pebble Mill at One.

19 September 2010

Pope Benedict XVI visited the Oratory Church, Hagley Road to see the room and shrine of Cardinal Newman. Earlier in the day he beatified Newman at a Mass in Cofton Park.

23 September 1953

The first Midland Ideal Home Exhibition to be organised by The Evening Mail opened in Bingley Hall. Civic leaders from eighteen Midland cities and towns attended the opening.

26 September 1942

Aston Villa's Ernie Callaghan, known, apparently, as Mush, missed his side's game against Walsall as he was being presented with the British Empire Medal for Gallantry during an air raid over Birmingham

28 September 1964

Barry Lankester introduced the first edition of BBC Midlands Today from the BBC studios on Broad Street, now the site of the Hyatt Hotel.

29 September 2002

The European team won the Ryder Cup golf tournament at the Belfry by 15½ to 12½, the largest margin of victory since the European team won 16½ to 11½ in 1985 and that was also at the Belfry.

30 September 1906

Birmingham's last horse-drawn tram ran from the city centre to Nechells.