

Got a sport report? Let us retort "text us at eight three double nought!"

Hyenas miss out

Digbeth Hyenas Crown Green Bowls Club narrowly missed out on the Formerly-part-of-Warwickshire Inter Village Cup yesterday, losing 8-0, 8-0, 8-0 to Knowle Shock and Awe. They fought a tough game on home turf—the tournament was held at the Hyenas new green on the former *Shots* nightclub site. Team captain Richard Bucket showed his disappointment: "We had it all for the taking really" he spat. "We were on our own turf and I think we had better training conditions in the run-up too. I mean, they live out in the sticks so they must get disturbed at the drop of a hat. Which is exactly what I was disturbed by when we played them away. Not round here mind. Now we have the peace and quiet we all wished for. I can even do that thing like that bloke that sculpts things on match-heads. I bowl in-between heartbeats!"

While it was disappointment this



Fastbowler Bill Posters caught on film

time, Richard is confident about next year: "We'll be fighting fit and raring to go next year—watch out Hockley Heath! Follow their progress only in the *Whisperer*."

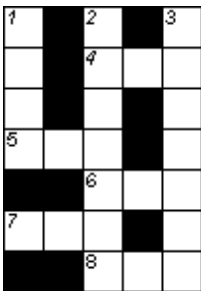
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Notices

The New Digbeth & Dickens Heath twinning association AGM is to be held on Weds (12th) at 7pm. Subjects to be discussed include "manufacturing community" and "you just try speaking to your neighbour". Tea and biscuits will be provided.

Please be aware that curfew will not take place this coming Saturday to allow for the Cribbage all-nighter at the Frog and Sixpence, Champs Elysees St.

Old Times Past.....

A nostalgic look through our archives

5 years ago:- Digbeth was the hive of activity yet again this weekend, with the all-weekend event at the Custard Factory drawing record numbers. The smaller venues didn't miss out on the fun, with many of the pubs offering live music and entertainment to a wide spectrum of visitors. Now Digbeth's reputation is going global as the heart and hub of music and creativity in the Midlands. Surely there's no stopping us now?!!

850 years ago:- The newly refurbished bull-rng plays host to market from hence-forth. All tythes and duties to Peter de Bermyngham.



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Dawn raids in noise clampdown

By Brian Milf

5 properties were raided at dawn yesterday (Thursday) after a growing number of complaints in recent months. Operation Zippit has over the last 2 years led to a

reduction of New Digbeth noise levels comparable to three football pitches standing on top of Nelson's Column. Yesterday's raids were focused on businesses and organisations flouting the noise ban and included persistent offenders such as the local church for ringing bells and the public transport licensee for running buses through the area during the 6pm—10am curfew.



Raids—at dawn

Latest development set to open

The 'New Template' development by CorpVision PLC is set to open after two years hard work. The 15-acre mock-tudor mixed-use monolith straddling New Old Bradford St comprises 12 ground-floor luxury apartments fronting the central Brindley Square together with 965 self-contained Nerobucks coffee houses occupying the four floors above.

"What we have achieved is unprecedented" said lead architect Fulton Pincushion. "We had 100% occupancy in the 965 retail outlets literally days after the project was announced, and we expect to off-load the remaining 11 apartments en-masse to a buy-to-let speculator. This places us on a good footing for our next development, the much-anticipated Bland Emerald. This exciting project will see the removal of the existing street-plan and replacing it with a 1/1000th scale map of Ireland, much akin to 'The World' in Dubai. I've already put my deposit down for Temple Bar island

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Teaspoons

The Noise Enforcement Officers that took part in the raids were praised by their platoon leader - "It took real guts. Some of the women in the church were armed with teaspoons".

whisper

Wacky Dave Smith, 39, has a new friend—on the internet!

spot

Comment...

They all laughed when we proposed two years ago that Digbeth needed to homogenise - well they are not laughing now. It's banned. Now our plans are coming to full fruition, I can revel in the glory of all our hard work. I know I can now walk the streets of any town or city throughout England and feel as if I am back at home in New Digbeth. I know what to expect - no dangerous originality or ruthless free-thinkers here.

Malcolm Keith Killjoy, Editor

The eagle-eyed of you will have noticed that the publication date overleaf is two years in the future. Recent events have revealed a worrying prospect that Digbeth will no longer be able to do many things that it has built it's—and Birmingham's—reputation on.

Exciting change is on the way—but we must not let Digbeth lose it's own unique character.

Don't Let Digbeth Die!

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