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FASHIONABLE LIVING IN LEEDS

IN A CONSTANTLY EVOLVING CITY, IT COULDN'T BE EASIER TO LIVE FASHIONABLY IN LEEDS

When looking for the perfect city, most people look at the quality of life they can have there. At City Dweller Magazine, we're convinced that Leeds offers more than any other city in the country.

A city of trendsetters, Leeds is constantly evolving. Every week, we see another unique restaurant opening in the city or a new fashion concept arriving in Leeds. In terms of innovation and investment, there's few cities thriving in the way Leeds is.

In this issue of City Dweller Magazine, we're looking at how to live stylishly in the city; from where you eat out at to where you shop, where you live to what music you're listening to.

We've showcased some of the best venues in the city with reviews from Napoleons Casino, The New Conservatory, Everyman Cinema and more, whilst we've also headed down to preview some of Leeds' newest venues, including Marco Pierre White's new Italian restaurant.

If you're looking for the latest fashion news, we've delved deep into the Leeds fashion scene for tips, advice and more from the industry insiders in the know. Whether that's the personal shoppers at Topshop in Trinity Leeds or the woman behind independent Leeds brand Love My Apparel.

But living fashionably isn't just about eating out and dressing to impress, it's also hugely dependant on where you live. We've teamed up with property experts in Leeds, from estate agents

Martin & Co to interior designer Christine Yorath, to bring you advice on where to live in Leeds, how to decorate your home and more.

Inside this issue, we've also looked at the incredible events coming to the city, including cover star Eminem's performance at Leeds Festival, the best ways to keep fit, some wonderful days out and so much more.

With this much happening in the city centre, it couldn't be easier to live fashionably.

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CITY DWELLER MAGAZINE'S COCKTAIL OF THE MONTH WITH DISTRIKT BAR'S DOMINIC TROTTER

For our latest Cocktail of the Month, we had to head underground to the unique and intimate Distrikt.

Distrikt isn't your average city centre bar, their mantra is 'substance over style' means that they take a down-to-earth approach that focuses on quality above everything else, which can be hard to find in such a competitive industry.

We sat down with their very own Dominic Trotter to see how they apply their core beliefs to their exquisite cocktail menu and to find out his favourite cocktail they serve.

He chose their 'Lady of the Lake' cocktail before brilliantly explaining why. "I have weird taste in general so I want to push things you wouldn't normally see in cocktails. It's

what I like to do, it's why I'm a bartender."

We also asked him about his experiences working at Distrikt, Dominic told us "the best thing about working here is the honesty to its morals. The owners Johnny and Rosita have always said they'll never charge entrance fees and because of that, you can see world renowned DJs in a Tapas bar, for

free! They never compromise and they've got real morals; it's refreshing because it's one of the only places like it."

So why not head down to Distrikt Bar for yourself and meet Dominic? You can find Distrikt Bar underground on 7 Duncan Street, LS1 6DQ and you can find out more by visiting www.distrikt.co.uk or ringing 0113 243 3674.

LADY OF THE LAKE

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MEET NAPOLEONS CASINO'S RICHARD KITSON

WITH OVER 30 YEARS OF SUCCESS, IT'S NO SURPRISE THAT NAPOLEONS CASINO HAVE ONE OF THE BEST TEAMS IN LEEDS! WE MET UP WITH ONE OF THEIR MANAGERS RICHARD KITSON TO FIND OUT WHAT IT'S REALLY LIKE WORKING AT THE CASINO!

What inspired you to originally join the gaming industry?

I actually started when I was 18, so I've been doing the job for 21 years now. I thought it was a glamorous job, and I still do! When I first got a job in a casino, I was the envy of all my friends and I've been doing it ever since.

I started as a dealer at Napoleons Bradford and since then, I've been abroad to Spain and Sweden but I came back to Napoleons and worked my way up the ladder. I've been a Manager for two years now and I've just recently passed my final management exam.

What's been the highlight of working at Napoleons over the last 21 years?

At this casino, it's the staff that make it. We've got a really good reputation

for having friendly staff and we're not like other mainstream casinos; we make sure we have a good time with the customers and make them feel at home. We all get on and it's like a big family here.

The best bit of the job is seeing the customers happy though. If we're making them happy then that means I'm doing my job right.

It's such an interesting job too. Recently we've had a couple of people win the £10,000 jackpot on the slot machines and that's always great to see.

If someone was wanting to follow in your footsteps in the industry, what advice would you give them?

Keep your head down, keep smiling, keep giving good customer service and just enjoy your job. A lot of the staff here

aspire to work up the ladder and be a manager. I started right at the very bottom when I was 18 and I've finally made it to management now; I never thought when I started I'd be a casino manager and it's brilliant.

With over 30 years in Leeds as one of the most successful casinos in the city, what do you think is the secret to your success?

We've always had a good management team here and we all work to the same goal. We want the casino to do well, we want the customers to enjoy themselves and we get a lot of good feedback.

People like to come here because the staff are friendly, they enjoy themselves and it has a personal feel. Customer service is our main thing at Napoleons.

You've obviously got a lot of experience delivering a great night out. So what do you look for when you're going out in Leeds?

I like going to nice restaurants to be honest! A lot of the management team at Napoleons go out together because we're so close knit, we go out to places like The Alchemist and Angelica in Trinity Leeds.

You can meet Richard Kitson for yourself at West Street, Leeds, LS3 1LX.

You can find more about Napoleons Casino by visiting www.napoleons-casinos.co.uk/leeds/ or following them on Twitter at @NapsLeeds.

To meet more of the brilliant characters in Leeds, head to our website: leedscitymagazine.co.uk



NAPOLEONS CASINO

MAN ABOUT TOWN KRISTIAN PURDY, AND HIS OTHER HALF CHARLOTTE FAGAN, HEAD TO NAPOLEONS CASINO FOR A NIGHT OF DELICIOUS FOOD AND EXCITING GAMING

Charlotte and I were overwhelmed with our latest write up of the longest running casino in Leeds. Now being literally a landmark, Napoleons Casino is a place everyone knows, they're basically the Google of the casino world.

Ecstatic, excited and fired up, Charlotte and I hit Napoleons on a Tuesday evening for what we already knew would be a fun filled entertainment package.

We entered a very elegant greeting area, with lovely hosts and staff. Our coats and bags were taken as we stood in awe and admired the aesthetics of the whole room. From the busy Roulette tables to a buzzing bar, we couldn't keep still and were itching to have a look around and have a flutter.

Andy, the casino manager, greeted us in the entrance area and straight from the off, a very genuine and nice guy. We were offered a drink while we waited for our table so we opted for a fresh fruit Bellini, which was delicious to sip as we waited a few moments to be shown to our table.

We were shown to our table by a lovely waitress and she provided us with a very sumptuous menu. Our table itself was astonishing, over looking the whole of the casino floor, it provided a view like no other.

Charlotte and I chose to start with Yorkshire Fishcakes, followed by a main of Fillet Steak, one rare one medium. A sharing platter of breads arrived

at the table, very fresh and crusty. I love the smell of fresh bread and this certainly was just that.

Within no time at all our Yorkshire Fishcakes arrived at the table... (Pause, imagine your jaw hitting the floor) "Wow, just wow" Charlotte said. The plate was like a painting, presented as if for the Queen. We couldn't believe it, so much so the obligatory Instagram photo had to be taken.

After a few moments of updating our social medias, sad we know but everyone does it, we tucked in delicately. The inside of our mouths turned to oceans and eyes glazed with sheer delight as our taste buds were tickled. The fish was to die for, a very light, tempura like batter and a rich, creamy tartar sauce. You could order this as a main it was that big.

To follow the exquisite starters, were the steaks. Oh my the steaks... A side of triple cooked chips and a whole roasted tomato were to accompany one beast of a steak.

Mine was sliced and I noticed immediately it was a ruby red inside with a very light char on the outer. Complete perfection. Charlotte's was the same, again cooked to perfection. Surely we could find fault with something?

Absolutely not! Probably one of the most well-presented dishes I've ever had the pleasure of indulging in and I have eaten a fair few in my time.

We were constantly checked on

but not in an intrusive way, just to make sure we were enjoying the experience, we were certainly doing just that.

Once our plates were cleared the dessert menus came, to put it bluntly, we were stuffed. However the desserts sounded too good to pass. We both ordered a sticky toffee pudding with whiskey custard. They were outstanding. Fresh steaming and the custard was like pure silk.

On our table there was a small bag containing instructions for Blackjack etc. and a complimentary £5 gaming chip.

After both consuming our body weight in food, we picked our stuffed selves up and decided to hit the machines for a teaser. Charlotte and I were at the machines for over an hour, I was well up on my £5 and Charlotte the same. We were literally having a scream, as was everyone else, by this point the casino was buzzing with life. People having so much fun. As we were now well up on our free bets, we dove onto the Roulette tables...

Turns out my lovely Charlotte is a bit of a whiz at this, I was convinced it was luck but over two hours later I began to believe that 'beginners luck' couldn't still be in play here.

When we eventually left the table Charlotte was grinning like a Cheshire Cat, as was I even though I hadn't quite had the same luck. Win or lose the night is absolutely outstanding - so much so that we have already been back since visiting for this

review.

To say this was a Tuesday night, someone could have told me it was actually a Friday or Saturday and I wouldn't have argued with them. We felt completely transported to another place and absorbed by the buzz of the casino. Lovely people, lovely customers.

A night to remember is the only way to describe our experience.

There are far too many names to reel off for the staff that contributed to our evening of entertainment, so myself and Charlotte would like to thank everyone involved for delivering what they advertise, pure perfection.

Thanks again guys, you made our night.

*See you there,
Kris & Charlotte x*

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NEW TO LEEDS: IBIS STYLES HOTEL AND MARCO'S NEW YORK ITALIAN RESTAURANT AND BAR

Back in 2015, it was announced that Leeds born celebrity chef Marco Pierre White was bringing one of his famous New York Italian Restaurants to Leeds. Coupling this with the announcement that it would be neighbouring a brand new ibis Styles Hotel, there was an instant buzz about the project.

Two years later and both have opened their doors to a wonderful reception. When City Dweller Magazine were invited down to take a tour of the premises with the General Manager of both venues Lisa Sutcliffe and Sales Manager Daniel Allison, we were excited to find out exactly why it's captured the imagination of the city centre. It didn't disappoint.

Situated on Wade Lane as part of the Merrion Centre, the two buildings instantly stand out as you walk round the corner. Perfectly placed next to the First Direct Arena, the huge 'Marco's' sign jumps out at you and you can't help but feel excited by the prospect of what's to come.

The vibe inside is ultra modern with a wooden feel mixed with

a stylish decor in the rooms, while some serious care has been taken into making sure that staying in the hotel is a relaxing experience. From the minute you walk in, you won't be made to queue at a desk; they give you the opportunity to sit in their bar area and relax while they check you in. They also offer free tea, coffee and water for guests, and a continental breakfast is included in every stay.

When she was first announced to take on the project, Lisa Sutcliffe said, "My team and I will work exceptionally hard to ensure we make the most of our fantastic position within this growing area of the city centre with the aim of becoming the number one preferred combined hotel and restaurant in Leeds."

After sitting down with her and Daniel, it's clear that they're both very passionate about the venues and extremely keen to point out that they've been created with Yorkshire people in mind.

This ibis Styles hotel is far more than you'd expect from an average chain hotel in a city centre. After bringing in reputable interior designer Oliver Redfern to work on the project, there's nice little

nods to the people of Leeds throughout the hotel. From the pictures of famous Leeds landmarks, including the Town Hall and the First Direct Arena, and iconic moments, such as the Leeds United squad lifting up the FA Cup, it's clear that they're very proud to be in Leeds.

But it doesn't stop there. There's references to Yorkshire's love of cricket, artwork created by a student at Leeds College of Art, references to Yorkshire dialect through out and even the headboards behind each bed have detailed drawings of the Leeds skyline. If you're from Leeds then it really feels like home, and if you're visiting from another city then you'll get a taste of what it's like to be a Yorkshireman.

The proud Yorkshire feel runs through the ibis Styles hotel and into Marco's New York Italian Restaurant and Bar next door. The famous chef set up his chain of restaurants back in 2012 and it was clear he always planned to bring one to his home city and having finally returned to his roots, it was incredibly exciting to see his creation.

Unsurprisingly, the whole layout continues the stylish

feel of the ibis Styles hotel. You can instantly imagine heading there after work, enjoying a relaxing cocktail, we'd recommend a Cosmopolitan, and then treating yourself to some gourmet Italian food with a New York twist.

But perhaps the real stand out is the exceptional value. Despite this being the brainchild of the youngest chef to have ever been awarded three Michelin stars, the food is unbelievable value.

In the menu you'll find a quote from Marco Pierre White explaining why, "Nowadays people like to eat out once, twice or three times a week, even if it's just going somewhere casual. People want affordable glamour, and they want some fun. I like casual. I like affordable and I like glamour. My New York Italian is all about creating a comfortable environment for friends and family to relax and enjoy some of my favourite Italian and American foods, without breaking the bank."

We couldn't resist trying the food at Marco's New York Italian Restaurant and Bar so we sent our reviewer Adam Ullah to find out what to expect...



MODEL, CITY PROFESSIONAL AND MAN ABOUT TOWN ADAM ULLAH HEADS TO MARCO PIERRE WHITE'S NEW LEEDS RESTAURANT AND BAR FOR AN EVENING OF GOURMET FOOD



Modern, chic and stylish, Marco's New York Italian Restaurant and Bar really is a great place to be if you want a few cocktails after work or a nice daytime/evening meal out with a loved one, family or friends.

Located in the heart of Leeds, in the Merrion Centre is just round the corner from the First Direct Arena, easy to find and has plenty of parking nearby. Me and my sister headed down on Thursday after a day at work to check it out. We were greeted by the Front of House Manager and were given the option of having a drink at the bar first or going straight to our table, we were both really hungry so went to be seated straight away. He talked us

through both the food and wine list and gave us some of his own recommendations. There is a great selection to choose from, it has a 'while you wait' section, sharing boards plus starters, followed by mains; some traditional and some with a twist! There's steaks, pastas, salads and sides leaving plenty to choose from as they offer something for everyone, whatever your dietary requirements might be.

They have a Cocktail Menu on offer for those who just want a few cheeky cocktails before a night out or after work, with 12 to choose from and also three mocktails for the none drinkers. Wine, beer, spirits and coffee are also on offer in what I would describe as a trendy, cool bar area with snippets of the history of Leeds city centre dotted about the restaurant.

After having some time to look at the menu we decided to go for the Crispy Chicken Goujons with Aioli and the New Orleans Crab Cakes with Remoulade Sauce. As always I like to share so we had half each of the starters. After a short while, the starters arrived and the presentation was impressive. The chicken was cooked perfectly and was really tasty with the aioli dip while the fish cakes were full of flavour and

had a nice kick to them. We both finished the plate leaving nothing behind, so we must have enjoyed them.

For the main we both went for the Surf and Turf. As we both love steak, we thought we would give it a go, especially as it was also the waiter's choice. We ordered our steaks medium rare and I went for the Chimichurri sauce which is a traditional south American spicy sauce and Sarah went for the wild mushroom sauce. All steaks are served with vine tomatoes and your choice of French fries with rosemary and crystal salt or sweet potato fries. We went for the sweet potato fries.

Wow! The main course looked amazing and we couldn't wait to tuck in. Again, the presentation was on point and it almost looked too good to eat. Our steaks were perfectly cooked and the grilled jumbo prawns on top were so succulent and tasty, having been cooked in garlic and rosemary butter, and the steak just melted in your mouth. The Chimichurri sauce gave it a nice kick and was a refreshing change as I always normally go for peppercorn sauce. We were both pretty stuffed by that point so wasn't sure if we could fit a dessert in or not.

The waiter gave us the menu to look at anyway and on there was a dessert called the Italian Job, which is a trio of desserts including chocolate brownie, blueberry cheesecake and tiramisu. It also said this was perfect for sharing and that twisted our arm... The dessert came and it wasn't too overpowering so we managed to get through it between us, just. My favourite was definitely the chocolate brownie that came with ice cream, I loved it. The waiter brought over a shot of Lemoncello each on the house to wash it down with and by that point we were completely stuffed.

We thoroughly enjoyed our food and the overall experience at Marco Pierre White's new Italian restaurant and couldn't fault it in any way. The staff were great very happy and friendly.

To book at either Marco's New York Italian Restaurant and Bar or the ibis Styles Hotel, ring 0113 831 4530. You can find them both on Wade Lane, LS2 8NJ.

You can find out more at www.mpwrestaurants.co.uk or at www.ibis.com



AN AL FRESCO BRUNCH AT HOTEL CHOCOLAT

While we all know that Hotel Chocolat Roast and Conch Leeds is an innovative place that is exploring the depths of chocolate like never before, you might not think to go to them for an al fresco brunch in the city centre.

Their new brunch menu is telling a completely different story however. They are bringing the summer to their menus and launching a whole new revamped brunch offering.

This new menu is a chocolate lover's dream come true. You can sit outside, soaking up the summer sun, in their outdoor seating area while eating world class food

and sipping your favourite cocktails. It's an affair worthy of Carrie Bradshaw herself.

So what should you expect from Hotel Chocolat's Brunch?

Think, mouth watering food, total elegance, phenomenal drinks, an al fresco experience to rival Italy itself and that's all just the tip of the iceberg for Hotel Chocolat's combination of their brunch menu and outside area.

The food is obviously out of this world and includes delights such as the Plantation Breakfast. Made up of Yorkshire Dales cocoa pork sausage, beans, smoked bacon, grilled mushroom, cherry vine tomatoes, toasted

sourdough and your choice of egg you can't really say no to such a delectable combination of our home ground and their exquisite cocoa from the exotic paradise St Lucia.

If you're after something a little lighter than perhaps the Free Range Poached Eggs on Sourdough with their tantalising White Chocolate Hollandaise might catch your eye. With a number of additional extras, including the ever popular avocado (a must have for the obligatory Instagram picture), you can't go wrong when you just want to sit out in the sun and chill with a few drinks.

The brunch menu doesn't stop there but to carry on

just wouldn't be fair on your already watering mouth.

Although, it isn't just their Brunch menu that is worthy of a letter home. They also have a drinks menu that proves to be irresistible to the masses, combining the most loved classics with a modern twist and incorporating more of their glorious cocoa.

So this summer when the sun is shining and you're looking for a destination that has it all, Hotel Chocolat is the place because their divine food and drink menus are just perfect for sitting back, enjoying the sun in the city centre and watching the world go by without a care in the world.



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A self-proclaimed 'movie geek' I've loved the cinema experience ever since I was a kid, so when I was invited to review Everyman, I jumped at the chance for a Saturday cinema date night with my other half to check out the new Fast and the Furious 8 movie.

Founded in London in 2000, Everyman welcomed in the new millennium with an original experience that combined the magic of cinema with home comforts. It chose Leeds as its first Northern home and opened slap bang in the city centre as part of Trinity Leeds, bringing with it a distinctive reputation that suited our innovative and forward thinking city.

A revolution in cinema, Everyman markets itself as a unique experience, and that is truly what you get...

Arriving on a bustling Saturday night, we were

welcomed by the friendly host who directed us upstairs to the bar area. From classic film posters to vintage signage, this part of the complex exudes movie star coolness attracting cinema-goers both pre and post show.

The straight forward, tasty bar menu offers playful twists to classic recipes; pizzas are topped with slow-cooked meats, sundaes are 'build your own', and cocktails are inventively themed.

We ordered a couple of nibbles to keep us going throughout the film; hummus and flat bread, nachos and fresh guacamole, washed down with a homemade vanilla milkshake all of which would be delivered to us inside the theatre once seated at our sofa. Yes, our sofa! Not a plastic seat or awkwardly placed cup holder in sight, so no fighting over where to pop your drink with the person sat next to you!

Everyman's four screens are all built with comfort in mind; filled with spacious, two seater sofas with cushions, they are designed to bring an extra sense of intimacy, originality and character. On arriving in Screen 1 and being escorted to our seats in the gallery, it wasn't long before our fuel for the two hours of high speed car chases and action were served. What I always find impressive with Everyman, is what could potentially be a mess of moving and munching is systemised by a slick and friendly service which is totally unobtrusive to you and other movie goers.

Despite being higher up in the gallery, the view of the screen was great, and although Everyman has slightly smaller screen sizes than the larger cinemas, I must say this is hugely offset by the sharp picture and crystal clear sound that doesn't deafen you like it does in some

multiplexes. We then relaxed back, escaped from the outside world and enjoyed the film in an environment for which the Everyman brand is renowned.

The famous film director Roman Polanski once remarked that "Cinema should make you forget you are sitting in a theatre" and Everyman does just that. At £13.50 a ticket, it's simple genius is great value for money, enhancing the comforts of staying in whilst providing the fun of going out.

In this digital era, cinema has had to persuade us more than ever to switch off the television set, go out and do something less boring instead. Everyman Cinema gives everyone every reason to go!

*See you there,
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From coffee to children's menus, there's something for everyone at Revolución De Cuba. With a fast and easy lunch menu that offers sandwiches and

more for just £6 and their Cuban Cantina menu, which offers three for £14 on selected tapas dishes and two courses for just £10.95, which runs Monday to Friday from 3pm to 7pm during their Happy Hour, they're the perfect venue for eating out in the city centre.

If you're visiting with all the family then we're sure your kids will be impressed by their Children's Menu! Advertised as 'Food for Little Pirates', their children's menu offers a great range of South American food with a twist. From homemade chicken goujons to vegetable quesadillas, there's a wide range of food that you

wouldn't expect on your average children's menu. For just £5.95, they'll get a dessert and a soft drink too.

For families visiting, their offerings don't stop there. Every Sunday, their Havana Great Time offer gives you 2-4-1 on tapas, cocktails and coffees all day! It's perfect to unwind with some delicious food and a relaxing coffee. But their coffee isn't just any old coffee.

Their Cafe Cubano is made from a unique blend of high quality coffee beans that you simply won't find anywhere else. And their technique is just as one of a kind. Before they press the hot water through the

freshly ground coffee, they also add a spoonful of natural demerara sugar into the mix. That way, the sugar and coffee infuse together as they hit your espresso cup. It's a sweet, strong treat that's certain to put a smile in your afternoon slouch.

So next time you're looking for a relaxing day out with the family, or just some delicious food in a lovely city centre venue, look no further than our South American friends at Revolución De Cuba!



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PREPARE YOUR WAISTBANDS, LEEDS INDIE FOOD 2017 IS COMING

WE'VE CAUGHT UP WITH THE LEEDS INDIE FOOD FESTIVAL DIRECTOR, MATT DIX, TO FIND OUT WHAT TO EXPECT AND WHAT'S GOING TO MAKE THIS YEAR ANOTHER FANTASTIC YEAR FOR LIF!

Leeds Indie Food festival returns for the third year this 11th-28th May, offering up almost one hundred exciting food and drink events over eighteen days.

We spoke to Festival Director Matt Dix (pictured below, left, with Simon Fogal, right) to find out more about LIF 2017.

It's impossible to highlight the "best" or "most exciting" events across the festival, because of the sheer range (this year sees the festival broken up into strands of Eat, Drink or Do). Nevertheless, we couldn't help getting very excited for #FindtheForest, a collaboration between Balcombe & Smith and Fiction which sees diners eating outside by open fire pits

at an as-yet undisclosed urban garden. Unfortunately it's sold out – but "we're looking to add an extra night for that one due to high demand," Matt reveals. Watch this space.

Matt also highlights the Yorkshire Wine School takeover, happening on the festival's final weekend, for Meet the Merchants Wine Fair. "There'll be independent merchants from all over the region plying their wares," he tells us, "and your ticket includes unlimited tasting so it's set to be a super festival finale!"

This year's festival hosts three strains – Eat, Drink and Do. We asked Matt, why these three categories? "We've always had a real variety of events – I

think the amazing diversity of what's on offer at the festival is one of the things that makes us unique," he begins, "so we wanted to make that as clear as possible. You can't just eat solidly for two weeks (believe me, we've tried)," he jokes, "and we know we have a pretty packed programme, so we wanted to provide a route into exploring everything the festival has on offer."

In essence, then, the Eat, Drink, Do categories merely make it easier for the festival goer to sort through the events and work out which ones appeal most to them.

"We've got everything from wine tasting to learning about the history of IPA in the Drink strand. The Do strand is pretty

special too," he continues. "You can catch a film from our documentary collection curated by Film Fringe, check out an art or photography exhibition or even learn a new skill like professional food photography or chocolate making." Don't worry, though; despite this range of exciting events, Matt is quick to assure me that "we've still got all the innovative and cool dining and street food events you'd expect in the Eat strand too." What a relief.

Passports cost £10, and entitle the owner to percentage discounts at every LIF venue, as well as priority ticket purchasing and discounts. For more information on Passports and LIF's full range of events, go to leedsindiefood.co.uk



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THE NEW CONSERVATORY

MODEL, EVENT PROMOTER AND CITY DWELLER MAGAZINE COLUMNIST ZACH WILLIAMSON VISITS THE NEW CONSERVATORY FOR AN AFTERNOON OF GOOD FOOD AND DRINKS

A long standing favourite tradition of mine is that on a Sunday I head out to Leeds city centre for food and drinks with friends or family. We usually start with some food and then move onto drinks and I have my regular favourite bars and restaurants.

However this afternoon we were heading to sample food, drink and a famous Sunday roast somewhere I have only been a handful of times. We were heading to The New Conservatory situated in the heart of Leeds city centre on Albion's Place.

With the Leeds Bar and Restaurant scene constantly changing The New Conservatory has been a Leeds institution for many people for a long time, if it's for after work drinks, a family meal or a night out your looking for The New Conservatory caters for all. I couldn't wait to find out what was in store.

My plus one this evening was my friend Marjan and we couldn't have picked a better sunny Sunday afternoon to sample the menu and drinks that The New Conservatory had to offer. Easily recognisable with its spacious outside dining area and its street level entrance with old sand stone arches and tall pillars to guide you downstairs to the bar and restaurant below.

Upon entry I instantly felt the history of the venue come

alive, not only in its decor but in the lay out, the old school wooden bar which is centrally located reminded me of a U.S watering hole and would fit right at home in Boston, whilst the library themed dining area sung British opulence.

If you pay attention very carefully you can make out some real decorative gems like no other in Leeds such as wall mounted pictures of what Leeds looked like in the 40s and 50s contrasted with a huge screen showing sports and a pool table in the corner. This entire quirky decor teamed with a warm welcome and a buzzing atmosphere set a great precedent to the evening.

We were offered a drink at the bar but decided to enjoy it outside instead as the weather was absolutely beautiful. As we sat, sipped and watched the world pass us by we grew hungry so we decided to make our way downstairs and were sat in the library dining area by a young friendly waitress.

On inspecting the perfectly laid out menu I first of all couldn't believe how reasonably priced everything was, even the Italian Sparkling Wine Prosecco having now become a national phenomena was priced under £5.50 per glass or a bottle for less than £25 which in a city centre market where prices are constantly rising was a real winner.

We decided to get a bottle of and it was whisked over in no

time at all, the atmosphere was really good and nearly every table was taken, however this didn't negate the quality of service at all.

When we had finished deciding on what to have our order was then swiftly taken, I chose the prawns to start with and Marjan a Caesar salad, we both then chose the beef Sunday dinner for main.

Most of the dishes are classic dishes updated and cooked to perfection, there is something for everyone on the menu and the varied tastes and the food overall is a credit to the chef. It was all well and truly polished off.

I would highly recommend the Sunday Roast, fantastic price with all the trimmings, the beef melted in your mouth it's a great Sunday treat for winter or summer.

As we sat and soaked up the atmosphere we were offered dessert but declined due to over filling on the man sized portions of the previous 2 courses, we stayed a while and had a great catch up over our last glass of fizz and a brandy aperitif to settle our food before saying our goodbyes and heading home.

The New Conservatory has something about it that other eateries, bars or venues don't in Leeds. It is one of a kind in the way that it has an old fashioned feel decor wise whilst been contrasted and enhanced by its up to date menu, service and overall feel.

All ages would feel at home here and with screens for sport, a pool table, spacious bar area, great dining and live music each week to boot The New Conservatory has something for everyone.

Whether it's a lunch time snack you are after, an evening meal or just a drink, or five, at the bar all bases are covered in this stylish and truly unique establishment.

It's a credit to Leeds and embodies our cultural history and as the afternoon tea menu caught my eye I will be back very soon for sure.

Thanks again the everyone at The New Conservatory!

*See you about!
Zach*

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HERE'S WHY YOU SHOULD MOVE TO LEEDS THIS SUMMER

AT MARTIN AND CO, WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING OUT AND ABOUT IN THE LEEDS SUNSHINE! SHANNON BRUCE, LOCAL JOURNALIST, HAS GIVEN US 6 BRILLIANT REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD IGNORE THE SHOWERS AND RISK THE DANCING SHOES INSTEAD OF WELLIES!

YOU NEVER HAVE TO WALK FAR FOR YOUR NEXT DRINK

One of the best things about Leeds is that everything is so close to each other. It will take you a matter of minutes to get to the next bar. Most of the time the bars are right next door. You can make your way from the top of Call Lane right down to the bottom and guarantee an amazing night out. Start at The Maven, a pre-Prohibition USA styled venue which is home to some of the most amazing cocktails in Leeds. Don't be fooled by their dark and moody atmosphere, if you stay long enough you might catch a Britney tune or two. Move onto Milo and then hit the strip. Jakes Bar, Oporto, Norman Bar and then classic Call Lane Social. Virtually every bar is a hit.

BURN OFF THOSE CALORIES WITH SOME DANCING

For those of us that indulged a little bit too much, Belgrave Music Hall is the place to be when it comes to dancing or if you're partial to a slice of

pizza. This is the bar which transforms into a music venue or a yoga studio or even a comedy club, the list is endless. Keep an eye out for different events happening here especially if you have a taste for gin, they do the most amazing gin based cocktails here. Not in the mood for some indie rock? How about some salsa social down at Revolución De Cuba and best of all; it's free. Located on Call Lane, it is perfect if you love yourself some Cuban Rum. Not only does this place provide you with an endless supply of Cuban cocktails to try but they also have all of your favourites on hold.

LEEDS BEER

Alongside the cocktails we all love a good pint, North Bar has an unbelievable selection from across the world. As well as providing European ales, it also stocks rare drinks from independent breweries. If beer isn't your tippie they have a massive selection of crazy spirits, odd soft drinks and do one heck of a cappuccino. If you're looking for something

a little more upbeat, The Hop, down at Granary Wharf. Hidden within the Dark Arches, The Hop serves a large selection of real ales as well as cocktails. It has a killer atmosphere because it's live music. Everything from jazz to indie to rock.

SPRING DEALS

This May, many of the amazing bars in Leeds are offering some deals that are too good to miss. Revolución De Cuba offer 2-4-1 on cocktails through their Happy Hours, as well as a Bottomless Brunch on weekends for just £20. As well as their famous Taco Tuesdays where you can get 4 for just £5.

YOU WILL NEVER HAVE THE SAME COCKTAIL TWICE

Greek Street is very well known for its iconic cocktail bars. The Alchemist and The Liqueurist sit on the street packed with amazingly unique cocktails. At The Alchemist enjoy a steaming Mad Hatter or a Bison's Brew, you name it they've got it. Aside from their

cocktails their bar snacks are heavenly. You can't go wrong with the Salt and Pepper Pork Crackling. Have you ever had a Zombie cocktail? Try your first at The Liqueurist, they are the best. A mix of Havana Club 3 year, Wray & Nephew, Captain Morgan, Crème de Apricot, sugar syrup, pineapple and lime juice they certainly pack a punch.

WE HAVE OUR OWN FREEDOM QUARTER

It is without a doubt one of Leeds main landmarks. Full to the brim with LGBT community happenings. Packed with clubs and pubs it is the perfect target for a good night out. Our Freedom Quarter highlights include the legendary Stone Roses bar for amazing indie music, Club Mission for the ultimate house experience and Bar Fibre, an all-round hotspot with 4 floors of fun.

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**HIGHLIGHTING THE GREAT NEWS FROM THE
BOOMING LEEDS PROPERTY MARKET**

12 BEAUTIFUL NEW STARTER HOUSES BUILT IN PUDSEY

STUNNING NEW SHOW HOMES LAUNCH EXCITING NEW SCHEME IN LEEDS

A stunning new show home for the forthcoming Britannia Gardens development in the popular market town of Pudsey in Leeds launched recently with a dedicated open day for the public.

Britannia Gardens is an exclusive cluster of just 12 brand new two-bedroom mews style homes located between Intake Road and Hough Side Road and central to the towns plentiful facilities.

The scheme is aimed at the first time buyers' market

offering a selection of beautiful starter homes priced from just £179,999.

All homes offer an excellent specification with contemporary and stylish fittings including German made kitchens with matt or gloss finishes and stainless steel appliances, high quality white bathrooms with chrome fittings, flush oak veneered doors and a number of energy saving features throughout. Gregory Property Group is advanced in building all 12 homes at Britannia Gardens and expects

to complete them by June 2017. Andrew Foggitt, Director at Gregory Property Group said, "We are delighted to announce the launch of our beautiful show home at Britannia Gardens which is situated in a popular residential location, right in the heart of Pudsey.

The town is full of charm and character with a number of good schools, shops, markets and restaurants right on the doorstep. Public transport and access to the city centre makes it ideal for young professionals with their first venture onto

the property ladder." William H Brown is appointed to market the development. Scott Bacon of the Pudsey office said, "We are delighted to be marketing Britannia Gardens which is a rare opportunity for first time buyers, especially in such a prime location in one of Leeds's most popular and accessible towns. There are a number of incentives available including Help To Buy."

To find out more, email William H Brown at pudsey@williamhbrown.co.uk or ring 0113 257 2014.

HOME IMPROVEMENT FIGURES SURGE ACROSS LEEDS

NEW FIGURES REVEALED RECENTLY HIGHLIGHT HOW THE LEEDS AND YORKSHIRE PROPERTY MARKETS CONTINUES TO GROW

With many households having undertaken a spring clean recently, home improvement figures within Yorkshire & Humber increased in popularity across 2016, with more than 28,000 planning applications submitted, growing by 6 per cent.

The 'Home Improvers of Great Britain 2017' report, compiled by construction industry analysts Barbour ABI in collaboration with the Federation of Master Builders, shows that for every one-hundred private homes, Yorkshire & Humber had on average 1.5 home improvement

applications in 2016.

When it comes to the households choosing to 'improve or to move', the data shows both are rising in the region. In 2016 there were 31 home improvement planning applications for every 100 home sales, slightly down on the year before.

If you are looking for the place in Yorkshire & Humber where households are most likely to undertake improvements, high house prices are a clear sign to look for, with the top seven North Yorkshire boroughs for home improvement also

claiming the top seven spots for average house prices.

The Office for National Statistics Family Spending survey suggests that the average household in the region, including owners and renters, spent almost £1,000 on home improvements annually over 2015 and 2016. This puts the total annual spend in the Yorkshire & Humber at over £2.2 billion.

Brian Berry, Chief Executive of the Federation of Master Builders (FMB), said: "Demand for home improvement work rose by 6% in Yorkshire &

Humber in 2016 compared with 2015, perfectly in line with the national average of 6%. These results paint a rosy picture for the local economy as demand for home improvement work is closely linked with wider economic growth. Like the UK more generally, Yorkshire & Humber has been untouched by any negative "Brexit effect", despite the gloomy prediction we heard in advance of the EU referendum."

For more news on Leeds' booming property market, head to leedscitymagazine.co.uk/lcm/lcm-property/



HOW TO ADD INDIVIDUALITY AND PERSONALITY TO YOUR HOME

INTERIOR DESIGNER, PROPERTY GURU AND CITY DWELLER MAGAZINE COLUMNIST CHRISTINE YORATH IS HERE TO TELL YOU HOW TO PERSONALISE YOUR HOME



New houses and apartments rarely have a personality until the occupants put their stamp on it and even in rental homes, it is easy enough to do.

When I owned the Flats in Leeds letting agency I went in hundreds of city centre apartments where the basic specification was almost the same; usually with white painted walls, a golden coloured wood laminate floor, a grey or beech coloured kitchen,

beige bathroom tiles, beige bedroom carpets and straight rows of ceiling downlights. Most developers were so lacking in adventure that it was easy for me to create 18 individual apartments at 19 Wellington Street and sell for just about the highest price per square foot Leeds city centre had ever seen on new apartments. Thereby proving that there are people who don't want their home to be an image of their next door neighbours.

If you are in a rental property and thinking of making a physical change such as applying wallpaper, you must get permission from your landlord and usually if the job is well done and tasteful the landlord will agree to it remaining on your departure.

Don't be afraid to expose your personality in your home, it can be fun not playing it safe! The idea of a mural might be reminiscent of Coronation

Street's Hilda Ogden with her "muriel" but there are some stunning options available now and are fantastically affordable. The New York skyline through a window mural comes in four room height panels covering a wall over 4m wide for under £60.

The safe three piece suite long gave way to L shaped sofas or a combination of 2 two seaters or a 3+2 seater, but have you ever coveted the famous Salvador Dali Mae West lips sofa? Well Fabb Sofas (backed by Lord Kirkham, the DFS founder) is offering a 21st century version for less than £600.

Do you have downlights with GU10 lamps (bulbs)? Instead of warm or cool light lamps, why not spend just a few pounds and see an area of your home in a new light with a coloured or colour changing lamp? The entrance hall is often a good area to try this out. Every organised home needs lots

of storage and some people buy very predictable chests of drawers. Several years ago, there was a blue and beech range of furniture sold at a large outlet at Birstall and I saw it in about 50% of the flats I saw the interiors of in Leeds! So why not think a little out of the box with a statement set of drawers such as the metal trunk style drawers with leather strap details? A great talking point and practical too for well under £200.

Here's a little quote from the Bible: "By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; and by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches."

May you fill your homes with all precious and pleasant riches!

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IS AN LLP THE FUTURE OF YOUR BUSINESS?

**Vaughn Thomas from
Sovereign Wealth
Private Clients, is
back with his column.**

Most entrepreneurs forgo the chance to form a limited liability partnership, yet the tax benefits are well worth considering.

Since the introduction of the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000, last year the number of limited liability partnerships (LLPs) listed at Companies House passed the 60,000 mark. (Source: accountingweb.co.uk)

There is a variety of reasons behind the rising popularity of LLPs, although tax-efficiency undoubtedly looms largest in the calculations. Yet entrepreneurs have often been slow on the uptake. The reasons behind their reticence vary. While holding back due to perceived financial barriers or profit-sheltering issues may make good sense, forgoing the LLP opportunity simply due to a preference for tradition or lack of familiarity could mean missing out on valuable savings.

Tax-wise

In fact, there could be numerous tax advantages to structuring your business as an LLP. Some of the most important could be grouped into three areas: Corporation Tax liabilities, equity liabilities, and general trading costs. Since LLPs are legally counted as partnerships, they are treated as transparent for tax purposes. Whereas company profits are ordinarily taxed twice, via Corporation Tax and Income Tax, LLP profits are only taxed once: in the hands of the owners.

Equity members and partners can enjoy significant benefits from working within the LLP structure. Ownership interests or partnership shares can be more flexibly moved between equity members without the risk of incurring employment tax, National Insurance or Capital Gains Tax charges; it is usually difficult for equity members to join or leave a company without

significant tax charges arising. Moreover, PAYE and Class 1 NICs can generally be avoided by genuine equity members, equity partners receive more generous expenses treatment, and equity members do not face car, car fuel or other benefit charges.

The LLP structure also offers a number of trading-related benefits not available via the older, limited company structure. Thus profit periods can be set so as to maximise or defer tax cash flows. Furthermore, early-stage trading losses can be relieved against personal income and carried back to earlier tax years, sometimes to higher rate tax years.

Split identity

A straightforward LLP will not be best for all businesses. Instead, in some cases, a hybrid solution may offer the optimum outcome. Hi-tech businesses may want to benefit from the generous research & development tax-credit scheme available to limited liability companies. However, companies can often be admitted as members into an LLP structure that allows them both to claim the R&D tax credits and to benefit from the tax advantages offered by LLP status.

For more profitable businesses that wish to retain their profits within the business while avoiding the top rate of Income Tax (currently 45%), it is possible to remain a limited company but be introduced as a corporate member (or related service company) with an entitlement to the bulk of the LLP's income profits. An LLP is not for all, but for many businesses it can offer significant tax advantages. Company owners with access to expert advice should at least consider their options.

*Regards
Vaughn!*

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Recruitment tips by Craig Burton from The Works Recruitment



HOW TO SPRING CLEAN YOUR CAREER!

You might have already spring cleaned the house or your summer wardrobe, but have you considered a re-fresh of your career? Here are our top 5 tips on how to spring clean your career and make a fresh start!

Make a list of important achievements you have met over the past 12 months. This could be projects you have successfully managed, training you have attended, research you might have carried out or promotions you may have received. Update your CV with this information so that everything is up to date and relevant. Even if you aren't actively looking for a new job, it's really important to keep your CV up to date at all times. You never know what might be around the corner!

Give your inbox a good old clear out. We all receive those emails that aren't important but do need reading... and we never actually get the time to read them! Set yourself a challenge to try and tackle a few a day so that your inbox is nice and clear. File them away and make notes of important information you need to remember. It's easy to put it off, as it's a job many of us don't enjoy, but a few a day will easily get the list down and make you feel refreshed!

Spruce up your social presence. Take some time updating your profile with accomplishments from the past year. Look at who you are following or connecting with - are you getting anything from their posts? If you just find them annoying or not relevant then stop following them. Look for influencers in your business sector and follow those types of people instead - the ones

you will learn from or who interest you and your career.

Clear out your workspace. Got a drawer full of out of date cup-a-soups? Or a pile of filing that's been sat on your desk for months? Now is the time to tackle all of those jobs you've been putting off! Give your workspace a good old clean and make it look fresh again. Clean your equipment, tidy up your drawers and get rid of anything you no longer need. Many people believe that a clear workspace is a happy workspace!

Make a plan for the year ahead. Is there anything you want to work on over the coming months? Any challenges you could get involved in, any mentoring you can provide your colleagues or any training you'd like to attend? This is your opportunity to document your career plans for the next 12 months - where do you see yourself and what targets can you set yourself? If you are thinking about changing career, this is the time to consider what you want to do and where you are going.

So now you know how to spruce up, clear out and refresh your career... we guarantee doing so will make you feel so much better! And if the outcome of all of this is a new career on the cards, get in touch! We can give you advice and support on your next career move.

*Thanks,
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HOW TO MAKE YOUR HOME PICTURE PERFECT IN 2017

HERE'S HOW THE ART OF INTERIOR DESIGN CAN CHANGE YOUR HOME

City Dweller Magazine have teamed up with the Alexander James team to look at how you can create the picture perfect home.

Art can both echo the theme of the room and inspire it. This Beaconsfield family home, pictured top right, dressed by the Alexander James team, displays the concept beautifully, with artworks reflecting the colours, textures and themes of the rooms in which they feature.

For those looking for a uniquely artistic home, engaging the services of a local artist can be a wonderful way to

obtain bespoke artwork. Furnishing the artist with a swatch of cushion fabric, key colour samples or a mood board can allow him or her to draw together all aspects of the design.

In the Beaconsfield home, for example, the open plan living room features beautiful, bespoke artwork designed to fade from bold to light and inspired by the accent cushions, which feature a bold oil painting inspired fabric designed by artist Jessica Zoob for Romo.

Nor is it just private homes in which art plays an important role. Working closely with developers has emphasised to the

Alexander James team how essential artworks are when dressing show homes. At Landmark Place in London, pictured far left, their interior designers embraced the use of art by purchasing a limited edition Damien Hirst print for the show home.

Whether it's a Damien Hirst print or the work of a talented, up-and-coming local artist, placing art perfectly is almost as important a skill as choosing the right pieces, according to Alexander James' Stacey Sibley. She recommends balancing art and furniture by aligning artwork with a sideboard or console table and bordering it with

side lamps to highlight it. The right framing is also essential, as is balancing the frame with the lamps and other furniture around it.

Hanging artwork at the right level is also essential. The centre of the image should ideally be at eye level. However, for informal seating areas, hanging the artwork low will make the space feel more cosy and intimate. Hanging artwork in clusters can also work well.

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The construction of new homes in the UK is at a seven year high with new housing developments popping up all over Leeds and Yorkshire. Here are our top tips to consider when purchasing a brand new home:

Do your Research

A housebuilder will often offer different sizes and layouts of houses on an estate. It's worth viewing as many show homes as possible. Research up and coming developments in your desired location and check the accreditations before reserving.

Check the anticipated build date

There is little point purchasing a house that isn't expected to be built for another year, when you need to move in a couple of months! Housebuilders will normally have estimated completion dates for the various phases on the development. Make sure you enquire.

Consider the schemes available to assist with purchasing

The majority of housebuilders will offer the Help to Buy scheme or a part-exchange of your current property. This can be of a huge assistance with the financial pressure of purchasing and the stress of selling.

Arrange your finances

Can you afford the mortgage on your desired property? Do your research and/or speak to a financial adviser. Bear in mind the anticipated build date when applying for a mortgage as offers may be based on a completion date within 6 months.

Would you like extras?

Once the build of the property has started, you may wish to order extras like an integrated kitchen or fitted wardrobes. You may be asked to make payment for these extras or at least pay a deposit. Also bear in mind that

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BUILD HOUSES

Louise Burgess, from Levi Solicitors LLP, presents her legal column.

when the property is due to complete, you will be required to pay stamp duty on these extras as well as on the purchase price of the property itself.

Be prepared to be flexible

When you purchase a new build property, you must understand that the property has not yet been built. There may be slight delays due to weather or other issues.

Inspect, inspect, inspect!

Before you complete the purchase of the property, the housebuilder will usually invite you to inspect the property. This is a process known as snagging, where you will report to the builder any concerns with the property and request that these are rectified.

Management charges

New build estates are often operated by a management company. This is particularly the case on larger estates, where the management company will maintain the shared areas e.g. grass, shared footpaths and play areas. You may be obliged to pay a yearly management charge as well as various costs to the management company for obtaining information when you come to sell the property.

Completion

The housebuilder will normally give you a completion date on which you are expected to be available to complete. Try to avoid booking any holidays close to the anticipated build date. Once it has completed, formal registration of the property with land registry will usually take slightly longer than usual.

Have fun!

With all the stress it is important to have fun when purchasing a property, particularly a new build. You can often choose furnishings such as carpet types and kitchen type before you move in; designing your house to suit your own taste.

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THE PERSONAL SHOPPING EXPERIENCE AT TOPSHOP IN TRINITY LEEDS

WE MET UP WITH PERSONAL SHOPPER EVIE BRADLEY TO FIND OUT HOW TO GET THE PERFECT OUTFIT FOR SPRING SUMMER 2017

If you haven't tried out Topshop's complimentary personal shopping service, you're missing out.

Topshop's Trinity Leeds complimentary Personal Shopping service offers customers a premium shopping experience without any hassle. In the privacy of their own changing room, customers will have their own personal shopper to help them find exactly what they need, from the

perfect pair of jeans to the ultimate capsule wardrobe. Specific appointments are available, ranging from a complete wardrobe overhaul, packing for a holiday getaway, a quick lunchtime fashion fix or helping to find the perfect outfit for a special occasion.

We met up with one of their Personal Shoppers, Evie Bradley, from their Trinity Leeds store to find out more.

How did you become a Personal Shopper?

My journey into Topshop Personal Shopping began as a sales advisor role, where my passion for customer service and styling naturally lead me to my dream job of working within Personal Shopping.

My love for dressing people and making them feel the best version of themselves is very rewarding.



Boy Jeans - £55

'I ALWAYS BELIEVE IN INVESTMENT PIECES. I LOVE THE TOPSHOP BOUTIQUE COLLECTION FOR STRUCTURAL PIECES THAT NEVER DATE.'



The Boutique Collection

(Left to right, top row) Reconstructed Shirt - £65, Silk Hanky Hem Printed Dress - £170
(Bottom row) Cotton Corset Dress - £90, Twisted Cut Out Dress - £160, Directional Ribbed Dress - £70

So how would you go about finding the perfect outfit for our readers?

Every customer that comes into Personal Shopping has different requirements. I love to work with clients to embrace their individual style, whilst giving them the advice and inspiration. Personally editing and building outfits for each customers body shapes,

style and budget. Working for a brand like Topshop, who are pioneers in trends allows me to have the freedom to dress and style my clients in an innovative way.

What's the best part of your job?

I love being able to build relationships with my clients and work with them to build their own sense of

style. Alongside offering my advice on how to style different outfits their lifestyle.

What's some of your favourite trends for SS17?

I always believe in investment pieces. I love the Topshop Boutique collection for structural pieces that never date. For me this season's detailed trend is all about

the sleeve, from flared, to fluted and asymmetric, which you could team with a smart pair of trousers for work or boyfriend jeans for the weekends.

To book your appointment with Evie, call the Trinity Leeds Personal Shopping team on 0113 243 4232 or book online at topshop.com. You can find the store inside Trinity Leeds, on 44 Briggate, LS1 6HD.

SUMMER READY

WE'VE GONE INTO FULL SUMMER MODE HERE AT CITY DWELLER MAGAZINE SO WE'VE SEARCHED THE SHOPS TO FIND OUR FAVOURITE LOOKS THAT ARE SET TO WOW THIS SUMMER.

Bring stripes into your holiday wardrobe this season with these cut out trousers. Pair with a bikini top and sandals to complement.

Bikini Top - £7.99
Trousers - £19.99
New Look



Step up your stripes in this cotton shirt dress. Pair with trainers for a casual look.

Dress - £40
River Island



Opt for a different feel to cover up at the beach. This sheer lace crop top and midi skirt is perfect for styling over a colourful bikini.

Top - £18
Skirt - £20
Topshop

This Chita Oriental tank top was created by adidas Originals and The Farm Company to up the impact of your fitness wardrobe. Covered shoulder to hem in bold blooms, it's made up of beautifully bright hues that are oh-so ready for summer.

With shorts and Stan Smith trainers, your summer fitness look is complete!

Top - £25
Shorts - £25
adidas





Designed to be your do-it-all-denims, the 501 collection from Levi's® are as functional as they are stylish. Made for SS17 these 501 frayed denim shorts mirror the tapered style in the leg, albeit shorter, but come with frayed hems and a light Waveline wash to give them that laid back appeal of summer, festivals and fun!

Lending a love-worn vibe to your capsule collection they'll look amazing with your collection of tees and vest tops with plimsolls and sneakers.

Top - £16
Shorts - £50
Levi's



Show off your summer vibes in this palm print dress by Warehouse.

Light and comfortable to wear make this a brilliant choice for a busy summers day.

Dress - £36
Warehouse

Effortlessly simple yet with a super luxe-glam vibe, 'Mariae' is your perfect beach and pool cover up.

Get this look with their white hot 'Hamptons' swimsuit. With its one shoulder design, sexy cut outs and daring silhouette, 'Hamptons' is just perfection for those glamorous pool parties.

Cover Up - £69
Swimsuit - £69
House of Celeb Boutique



Complete the look...



Pink Round-Frame
Sunglasses - £135
Ray-Ban



Raleigh Wayfarer-Style
Sunglasses - £170
Taylor Morris Eyewear



Rose Marble-Effect Cat-Eye
Sunglasses - £240
Gucci

Each of these are available at Harvey Nichols Leeds.

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Make sure your holiday wardrobe is ready to make a splash with these camo print swim shorts from River Island.

T-Shirt - £8
Swim Shorts - £18
River Island



Renown for being kings of denim, Levi's offer a ticket to instant casual style with their classic 501 jeans in an iconic stonewash. Pair these Levi's jeans with a T-shirt and a smart knit for when the temperature drops.

T-Shirt - £15
Jeans - £65
Levi's



Update your denim collection with these light wash shorts. Team with a raglan tee and trainers for a casual look.

Top - £7.99
Shorts - £24.99
New Look



These Hugo Boss swim shorts are a predatory piece of beachwear that's an essential of your summer holiday suitcase.

The Killfish swim shorts feature an elasticated waist that incorporates a contrast drawstring for a customised fit. Contrast stitch detail keeps things sharp, whilst the large Hugo Boss logo lets everyone know you've got expensive taste. Perfect for wearing throughout the whole day.

Shorts - £52
Hugo Boss





Get out there with these floral shorts this summer. Wear with an open denim shirt for a cool and casual statement.

Shirt - £28
Shorts - £25
Topman



Get in the summer spirit with this floral shirt by Tommy Hilfiger. It's long sleeves makes it perfect for the cooler summer days.

Shirt - £90
Jeans - £85
Tommy Hilfiger

For a cool blue suited look, trust Ted. For the wedding for the summer or a day at the races, this suit from Ted Baker can be relied upon when it matters most.

Brown or dark tan shoes plus a matching leather belt will help to bring out the rich blue tone of this suit, and its superb sharkskin weave.

Jacket - £229
Trousers - £120
Topman



Complete the look...



**Black Aviator-Style
Sunglasses - £180**
Ray-Ban



**Dior Split Blue Aviator-Style
Sunglasses - £380**
Christian Dior



**Tortoiseshell Round-Frame
Sunglasses - £158**
Valentino

Each of these are available at Harvey Nichols Leeds.



SUMMER BODIES START NOW!

CITY DWELLER MAGAZINE HAVE TEAMED UP WITH JAMES AND JOE FROM SUSTAIN NUTRITION. THIS MONTH WE'RE GETTING IN SHAPE FOR OUR SUMMER HOLIDAYS IN A REALISTIC WAY!

If you are wanting to be in the best shape of your life this summer then the time to start is now!

How many times have you left it too late and on the beach it's been more 'suns out GUTS out' than 'suns out GUNS out'? As two personal trainers we have often been asked by clients to help them prep for an imminent holiday. Our first question of "when do you go?" Is tragically often met with responses such as "in two weeks!"

You can go on a crash diet eating a teaspoon of maple syrup for breakfast and a cracker with an eyelash for lunch and drop 10lbs in that two weeks but that 'weight' will be made up of water and muscle, leaving you looking flat and ill! Until you start eating on holiday and pile the 10lbs back on plus some more due to the fact that your body has slowed your metabolism and thyroid thanks to the two weeks extreme low calories.

How are last years holiday pics looking? If you want to make a big change this year then the time is nigh. 12-16 weeks is a very realistic time frame to make some BIG changes to your physique. A good rate of fat loss is 1-2 pounds per week, this will obviously vary on the amount of weight someone has to lose.

Although this may seem like a small amount to a seasoned 'yo-yo dieter' per week, you will have a far greater chance of keeping this weight off permanently, plus 12 x 2 is 24lbs (1st 10lbs) certainly enough to make a dint in anyone's rubber ring!

So onto Sustain's top holiday count down tips!

Don't go too hard too fast!
The temptation is in all of us for fast results but training twice per day and eating a minimal amount of food will only lead to quick burn out and ultimate failure. Your body will plateau at some point along the weight loss journey and this is when you need to have things like exercise/calories to play with to get it kick started again. This more relaxed approach whilst may appear to be counterproductive will mean you are far more likely to not give in because it's too hard.

Get a plan and start easy!
Simply tighten up around the edges of your food and start a solid strength/resistance training plan, you can afford to be a little more relaxed over the first 4 weeks. As time goes on then the nutrition will get tighter and the training harder, adding more volume, HIIT & CV or changing the intensity by adding super sets etc.

That's right even you ladies! Lifting weights in the gym will have a two fold effect:

1. It will help get you leaner, through the actual weight training which will burn extra calories and help you maintain your muscle mass. Muscle burns calories while you rest so to forfeiting it while chasing a drop in the scales is counterproductive.
2. It will add shape to your body, if you are going to drop all this body fat you want to reveal some shape on the beach and not just your bones.

Nobody ever got cat called "nice pelvis!" whilst strutting through the surf.

Food first!

No amount of exercise will make up for a sloppy diet, if you only have one spare hour per day then it should be used to prep food and not exercise. Good nutrition will have a far greater impact on your physique and therefore should take priority! You know what they say "you are what you eat" well if you food is rubbish then guess how you are going to look and feel? Look at food quality first and then you can look at quantity, obviously, I'm going to recommend you download our free guide from the website!

Simply changing out calorie dense processed foods like biscuits, crisps for more filling nutritious whole foods is nearly always enough to illicit fat loss as these more nutrient dense foods will keep you fuller for longer and therefore mean you eat less!

Log everything!

Tracking food is proven to help people lose weight, it will stop 'mindless eating' (a few biscuits with a cuppa a few times a day soon adds up) and also allow you to see areas where you will be able to cut back slightly when you need to. If you see a day where you have eaten 8 fat sources in one day, even if they are healthy fats they will still carry a calorific value and will affect your fat loss.

So, there you go! What are you waiting for? Dig out the one piece or two piece now, take a picture now and then get ready to take one of the soon to be bronzed Adonis on your holiday, no last-minute panicking, no regrets, no silly routine, just a sensible, sustainable plan with a little bit of foresight.

*Until next time
Take care & comb your hair
James & Joe*

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WE'VE CAUGHT UP WITH LOVE MY APPAREL'S RHIAN JONES TO DELVE DEEPER INTO THE FASHION WORLD AND FIND OUT WHAT TO EXPECT TO SEE THIS SUMMER



Amelia textured floral midi dress - £280



Pineapple Sequin Clutch Bag - £45



Hannah box clutch - £80



Shake it out harem trousers - £20



Beach please complete floral bikini - £38



Can you tell us a bit about yourself, how you got into the industry and the history of Love My Apparel?

My name is Rhian, I relocated to Baildon in West Yorkshire from Cardiff after the birth of my first daughter Olivia. A few years later that I decided to set up Love My Apparel as an online women's clothing boutique. I already had a background in fashion retail, fashion buying and styling so this seemed like a natural next step for me to take, especially with being a new parent, the freedom of running a business from home suited us perfectly.

What's your fashion recommendations for Spring Summer 17?

For Spring Summer 17 you will see the return of bright colours, which has got to be the best part of any summer wardrobe. There is nothing better than a 'look at me' bright yellow dress or 'make a statement' grass green separates. A few big trends you will notice will be the deconstructed shirt, with off shoulder cuts or plenty of ruffles added in. This can be easily styled with your favourite pair of skinny jeans. Another preferred trend of mine is the wallpaper floral style print, which looks great in jumpsuits or midi dresses, but also the softer dreamier florals which you can see a lot of with a new LA brand we are now stocking, For Love and Lemons, this will be a go-to in the Summer months.

Do you have any fashion 'no-no's' that you'd like to share with our readers?

My biggest 'fashion' no-no would be real

fur. At Love My Apparel, we will never stock any real animal fur or skin and are currently applying to become a Vegan approved retailer with PETA UK. Cruelty free fashion is very important to us.

If our readers are shopping online, do you have any tips on how to get it right so there's no surprises when it arrives?

At Love My Apparel all of our products will match the colour shown on our website. Of course if the model in the product images is a size 8 and your size is different then you need to have a realistic expectation of what the product will look like on you. With regards to sizing, all clothing websites should provide you with a size guide. At Love My Apparel we also have a live chat function so you can chat in real time with one of our stylists and get a much better idea of look and sizing, and any other styling queries you might have.

Outside of fashion, what do you do to relax?

I love keeping fit and eating healthily as well as socialising and going to events with friends. My daughter Olivia takes up most of my free time which usually consists of running her around to various activities. She goes to SCALA performing arts school in Horsforth so I'm a bit of a stage mum!

Check out Love My Apparel's full range on their website at www.lovelymyapparel.com and follow them on Twitter and Instagram at @LoveMyApparel

Thanks for talking to us Rhian!



ADVICE TO HELP YOU GET THE BEST OUT OF YOUR WORK OUT

Get Outdoors

With the temperature heating up this summer, try and get out of the gym and into the outdoors more for your daily dose of exercise. It doesn't have to be a long hard run, a simple walk with the dog that can do the trick. Getting outdoors will help switch things up and keep training fresh leading into the summer months.

Have Fun

A lot of people can get to wound up with their exercise programs and if they are achieving their goals fast enough or not. The most important thing is to have fun exercising and enjoy what it does to you and your body. It's a great way to release any stress you have from work related issues and will help you stay motivated to achieve your goals.

Splitting your Training

Splitting up your training can be a great way to get in a quick 30 minutes of exercise if you are strapped for time. Instead of going to the gym for an hour in the morning, try going for a quick 30 minutes session in the morning and doing some weights and core exercises. Followed by

a 30 minute jog in the evening after work. This will work you your metabolism twice in the one day, hopefully burning off more calories throughout the day.

Drink Water

It's important that people drink water all day every day and not just during or before you decide to exercise. Try and keep a bottle with you all day during work. This will make sure that when you do leave work and hit the gym, you are hydrated and ready to go. It's also important to rehydrate when you finish training. This will help you wake up the next day feeling full of energy and not drained.

Little Steps Add Up

There are little things you can do to help boost your training and get those extra minutes of exercise in without going for a run or hitting the gym. Simple things such as not taking the escalator or elevator but instead using the stairs. These little things can add up to make a massive difference in your overall fitness over a period of time.

*Enjoy Keeping Fit,
John Lane*



THE SPORT WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS SUMMER

HERE'S FOUR OF THE EVENTS WE JUST CAN'T WAIT FOR IN LEEDS

The Summer Cricket at Headingley

Headingley Stadium, just 10 minutes from the centre of Leeds, is one of the world's best known cricket stadiums, which has been the backdrop for key moments across cricketing history.

2017 will see more international cricket action with a one day series, England vs South Africa at Headingley on Wednesday 24th May and the 2nd Investec Test Match against the West Indies from Friday 25th to Tuesday 29th August.

The ITU World Triathlon

Following the success of the Brownlee Brothers triumph at this event last year, the ITU World Triathlon is set to return to Leeds. This prestigious event, provides more than 5,000 amateur triathletes with a unique opportunity to compete on the same course as the world's best.

If participating isn't for you, then make sure you don't miss out on joining thousands of spectators who will witness the world's fastest triathletes race around

the city centre of Leeds in a thrilling showcase of endurance and strategy. It really is a superb day out for the whole family.

Color Me Rad

If you're itching for a great time, Color Me Rad Leeds is the run for you.

This 5km paint race is a great opportunity to raise money for charity, stay fit and have a laugh. You can take part at Harewood House on the 21st May.

The Macmillan Leeds Triathlon

This challenging event is based in Leeds' famous Roundhay Park. It begins with a lake swim, continuing with a picturesque cycle out of the park and along local roads.

The final stage is then a run around the impressive park, cheered on by the large crowds of spectators. It's a great way to stay fit and raise money for a brilliant charity.

Want to keep up with all the sport that's happening in Leeds? Just head to our website: leedscitymagazine.co.uk



GET YOUR HEALTH MOT AT NUFFIELD FITNESS & WELLBEING

DAVID BUTLER FROM NUFFIELD FITNESS & WELLBEING GYM IN THE LIGHT TELLS US ALL ABOUT THEIR 12 POINT PERSONALISED HEALTH MOTS



This month's topic is the Nuffield Health MOT. Just like a car, it's good to give yourself the once over when it comes to your health. Here at Nuffield, we believe that your health and your fitness walk hand in hand.

With this in mind we offer every one of our members a health MOT as part of their membership package, and it's not just a one off! We recommend each of our members to have regular MOTs at 3 to 6

month intervals.

The MOT is a one hour health check which is carried out by one of our health mentors or wellbeing trainers, it is designed to give a full picture of all members health and fitness. Several things are included in the check over including:

**Body mass index (BMI)
Resting heart rate
Waist to hip ratio
Cholesterol
Aerobic fitness
Blood pressure
Blood sugar level**

During the health MOT you will be able to get expert advice on your exercise regime, any health concerns, existing injuries, stress levels, diet and quality of sleep.

From the health MOT we will be able to help you set goals tailored around you and all members

have the option to have a personalised exercise action plan designed specifically for them with one of our expert personal trainers utilising all the things we've learned about your health in the session.

The MOT and the follow ups are such a great way to track your fitness levels but also to keep you totally motivated. We are extremely proud that members who engage with regular health MOTs are twice as likely to stay on track with us.

James, our Fitness Manager, commented: "It's official... You are twice as likely to achieve your goals with a Health MOT! The Health MOT is just one of our stand out services included in our membership. When it comes to your health, you want to be assured that you're in safe hands and with our team of experts,

you certainly are. We treat each member as an individual and as such we offer a free 12 point MOT with personalised action plan. Our members are central to what we do here at Nuffield Health Leeds and the Health MOT embodies that. So, what are you waiting for? Come and be a part of it."

So there we have it, get fit and stay healthy! Don't forget you can follow us on Facebook at Nuffield Health Leeds Fitness & Wellbeing Gym for all our latest and updated news.

You can find out more about what we offer on 0113 233 7500 or by going to our website: www.nuffieldhealth.com/gyms/leeds! You can also find us at The Light, LS1 8TL.

*See you soon,
David*



HOLIDAYS BY RAIL

CITY DWELLER COLUMNIST AND SEASONED TRAVEL EXPERT, YASMIN MACIS, IS SHOWING US ANOTHER WAY TO SEE THE WORLD THIS MONTH WITH BESPOKE RAIL HOLIDAYS



The vast majority of trips I book involve flying but, if you have time on your hands, there's a certain sense of nostalgia and romance about heading off on your holidays by train. The journey itself can become a memorable

adventure and a magical part of the whole experience.

Vacations by train come in two main categories: 'No-fly rail holidays' and 'Fly rail holidays'. If you have a serious fear of flying, it's the former that you need to opt for. All you need do is board a train at your local Yorkshire station and travel down to London's international rail terminal at St Pancras, which is where all the speedy Eurostar services depart from. They can whisk you via the Channel Tunnel to Paris, Lille or Brussels at up to 186mph!

The ultra-modern carriages come in standard, standard premier and business class. There's an onboard buffet, if you get peckish, and the

usual wi-fi connection plus entertainment. Seats are comfortable and relaxing, and there are changing facilities and special menus for kids.

Once you arrive in France, I can book your onward journey across Europe. You may want to simply stay in Paris, perhaps the most romantic city on Earth, or head on down to Provence and the Cote d'Azur for a spot of sun. Alternatively, you could head east and explore fascinating countries like Germany, Italy and Greece. I can also book great hotels for you at preferential rates.

If you're prepared to fly, the choice of exotic locations expands hugely. Perhaps you fancy journeying through the amazing Indian countryside and visiting the Taj Mahal or

even taking on a tiger safari! You could also take a train to bustling Delhi or the pink city of Jaipur.

If heading west interests you more, I could book flights to Canada and you could enjoy a journey through the spectacular Rockies on the 'Rocky Mountaineer'. Or you could do a coast-to-coast trip across the US in the footsteps of the old pioneers, ending up in California.

With rail travel, as you can see, the combinations are endless. Please call me for a chat about your itinerary and I'm sure I can come up with a quote that will make you smile.

*Bon Voyage!
Yasmin x*



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CITY DWELLER MAGAZINE MEET LEEDS SINGER PAUL STONE

WE CAUGHT UP WITH PROUD YORKSHIREMAN PAUL STONE TO FIND OUT ABOUT HIS NEW YORKSHIRE ANTHEM, RECEIVING PRAISE FROM PAUL O'GRADY, WORKING WITH DIANE WARREN AND PERFORMING AT THE OFFICIAL 'LA LA LAND' AFTERPARTY

Can you tell us a bit about your background in the music industry and how you've got to where you are today?

I've been a musician for as long as I can remember. Through school you could always find me in a music room when I was supposed to be in something like Physics! Then I moved on to Leeds College of Music, went into a big pond and met some fantastic musicians. I then set up a thing called 'Stone and King' with a guy called John and we went over to the dark side and went to Manchester! We also travelled to Nashville and had a bit of success in America. Since then I've always been in and out of the music industry.

I came back to Leeds College of Music and now I gig with some of the lecturers, people like Jim Corry! We now do a thing called The Modern Big Band and that's my hobby, it's something I adore and love. As a unit, we've done some fantastic gigs in London, America and all over the world; we're all local lads, we're all from Leeds and it's just good craic really.

You've also managed to get some great links to Hollywood

and received recognition from BBC Radio 2, haven't you?

Yeah! Recently we started working with a company in London who are big players in the film industry. After that we got asked to perform at the UK Premiere of Damien Chazelle's (the acclaimed director behind 'La La Land') 'Whiplash'.

Later on, I flew out to America, met Diane Warren (the famous songwriter who has worked with artists such as Beyoncé, Whitney Houston and Westlife) and did some writing in LA. All I want to do is just write, record and perform great music so this was a fantastic opportunity. Diane could be a Yorkshire lass because she says it exactly how it is! In the music industry, there's so much waffle and 'yes people' but she's just straight down the line.

A bit later, we got a call from Damien Chazelle and he asked if I'd do the afterparty for the 'La La Land' premiere in London! I went down and all the stars were there and that was really cool. I've very much got a link to Hollywood now! I've also tried to re-arrange some more modern tracks recently. I did a cover of

Simple Minds' 'Don't You (Forget About Me)' and that made Radio 2 and got some recognition from Steve Wright, Paul O'Grady and Clare Teal.

How much does it mean to you to get praise and recognition from such big names in the industry?

It's the reason I do it. Whatever you do in life, whatever job it is, I think we're all trying to search for that feeling of success. For me, success is to hear my records on the likes of Radio 2 or to sit in a chair in LA in Diane Warren's writing room.

Last month you wrote a Yorkshire Anthem inspired by the Tour De Yorkshire, 'You'll Never Ride Alone'. Can you tell us about that?

The hook came to me first so I wrote some lyrics, recorded it on the piano and sent it to a friend of mine called James Wyllie and another friend called Giles Stanley. The great thing about these people is that, although they're down in London, they have a northern approach; they're very direct! They told me it was a great song so I sent it to another loyal friend who produced my

first album, Ali Staton, and we made the decision to produce it. It's been recorded the old fashioned way with a group of 12 string players and a rhythm section. What I really want now is for the people of Yorkshire to listen to it and get behind it.

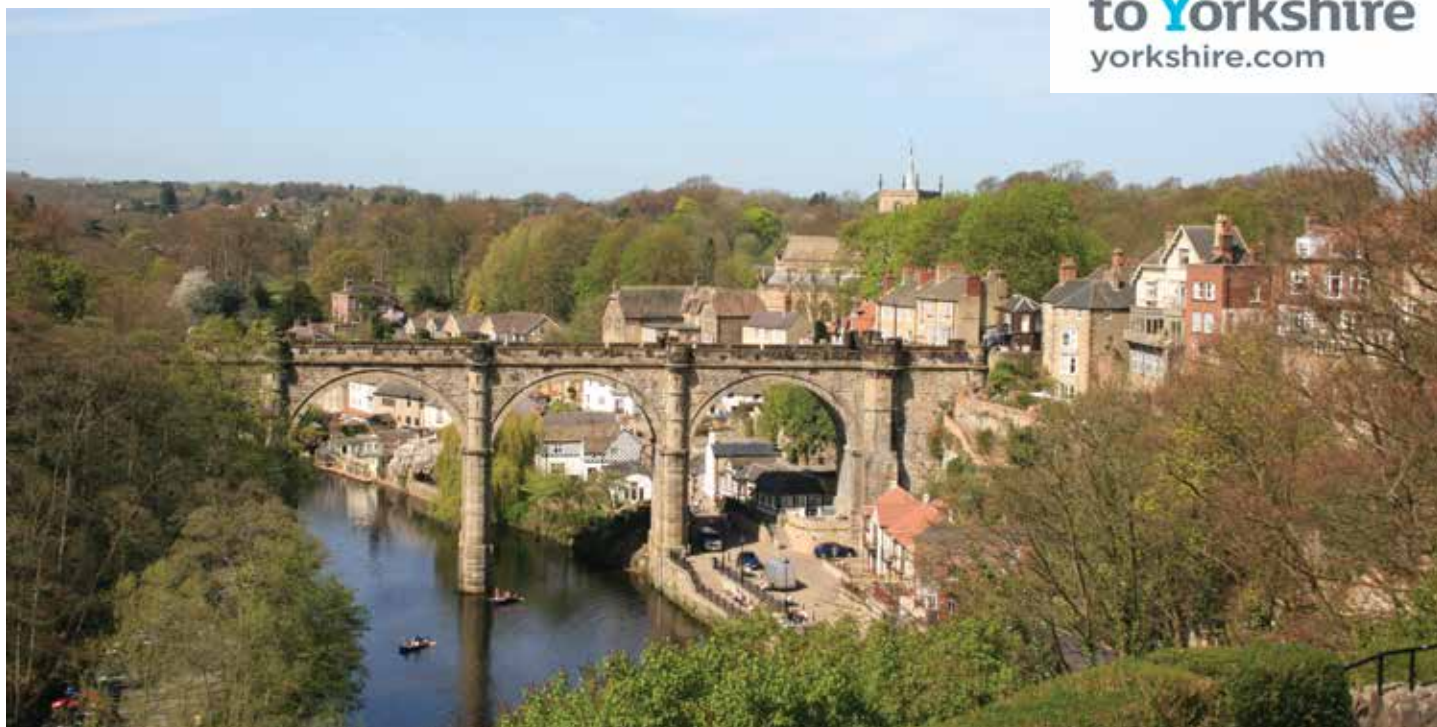
What does being a Yorkshireman mean to you?

I just see myself as a local lad! There's a lyric in 'You'll Never Ride Alone' that says 'See the old man, say hello. Just watch his eyes and know, the smile is not for show.' and the meaning of that is, as a rule, Yorkshire people are always approachable and they always want to welcome you. There's just a certain charm about Yorkshire people.

Where can our readers listen to 'You'll Never Ride Alone' and find out more about you?

The single came out on the 14th April and you can listen to it on YouTube. If you head to www.themodernbigband.com then you can find out more about what we do there too.

You can also keep up to date with Paul on Facebook at 'Paul Stone Music' and on Twitter: @PaulStoneMusic



TOUR DE YORKSHIRE TRAIL!

CITY DWELLER MAGAZINE HAS TEAMED UP WITH THE GUYS AT WELCOME TO YORKSHIRE TO REVISIT THE TOUR DE YORKSHIRE ROUTE AND GET SOME GREAT DAYS OUT PLANNED!

The Tour de Yorkshire is not only a fantastic chance to watch some of the world's greatest cyclists battle it out for the coveted trophies right on our doorsteps; it's also a chance to discover some of the county's hidden gems that have all the makings of a great day out.

Head to the start of stage one in Bridlington and enjoy a traditional day out at the seaside. Make sandcastles, paddle in the sea and tuck into some fish and chips or ice cream - all in the freshest of fresh air!

If you're after something a little more upmarket, try The

Lamp Restaurant - this Grade II listed building is nestled in the heart of Bridlington's Old Town and offers beautiful al fresco dining.

Just north of Bridlington, situated in a dramatic clifftop position is Sewerby Hall and Gardens. From the magnificent award-winning gardens, to the deep-rooted heritage of the house, it really does offer something for everyone.

With three world-famous breweries and plenty of pubs, Tadcaster - the start of stage two - is synonymous with the production of beer. However, it's also home to Everything Good Goes, a fresh new café where people can relax and enjoy a good coffee,

nutritious food, craft beer and a cultured wine list.

Travel further along the stage two route to Knaresborough, where you'll find England's oldest tourist attraction, Mother Shipton's Cave. Open since 1630, it was home to the famous prophetess and the petrifying well still stands as a unique, unspoilt remnant of the Royal Forest of Knaresborough.

After working up an appetite, hop over to Ripley and enjoy lunch at The Boar's Head. Here you'll find traditional food executed with precision and care - there's even a special walker and dog friendly option.

The recently re-launched

National Science and Media Museum is just a short walk from the official start of stage three in Bradford City Park and is the perfect place for a fun-filled day out. Visitors will see all sorts of new sights and sounds at the new Wonderlab exhibition, from a musical laser tunnel to an anti-gravity mirror.

For more family-friendly fun, head to Eureka! The National Children's Museum, in Halifax, which is also on stage three. It celebrates its 25th birthday this year. Eureka! isn't like other museums - it's a unique place which inspired children to learn about themselves and the world around them by playing, imagining, experimenting and having loads of fun!



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INTRODUCING YORKSHIRE SINGER CRIS QUAMMIE

ORIGINALLY FROM TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, CRIS QUAMMIE IS ONE OF YORKSHIRE'S MOST TALENTED MOTOWN SINGERS. WE CAUGHT UP WITH HIM TO TALK ABOUT HIS INFLUENCES AND HIS FRIENDSHIP WITH LENNY KRAVITZ!

Could you tell us a bit about yourself and your background in the music industry?

I was born in Trinidad and Tobago and I actually performed on some TV shows there when I was kid. After that, I performed soul and Motown music in casinos!

People from the cruise ships found me at the casinos and they gave me the opportunity to perform on those. My first cruise ship was actually Cunard's Queen Elizabeth ship, which sailed out of Southampton! That was my first taste of the United Kingdom, about 18 years ago.

I started going to Southampton regularly and performing in pubs down there! About three years ago, I met a lovely lady from Barnsley and that's

how I moved up north. I've never stopped doing music though, I still do the ships and I'm still doing Motown!

What sort of artists inspired you? Who would you compare your sound to?

Growing up I listened to Boyz II Men, Stevie Wonder and I loved jazz music so I listened to guys like Al Jarreau too. In my original material, I try to follow their influence and I try to stand out like those guys did. I would compare my sound to the Four Tops, Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder; that type of stuff!

Could you tell us a bit about some of the proudest moments of your career?

I can give you a few! From the TV stuff I did in the Caribbean to when we made it onto the BBC!

We did RMS Queen Mary 2's birthday and the BBC filmed us performing.

On that same ship I met a good friend of mine, Lenny Kravitz. He was on the ship because he doesn't like to fly and he was on tour in Europe. I was performing at a bar called the G32 on the Queen Mary cruise ship and he came in the first night to check it out. Because my hair is really big and Lenny Kravitz had really big hair too, he sat and he looked at me and he said it was like looking at himself when it he was my age!

From then on, we hung out every night in the club and through the daytime, we'd go for lunch on the ship. I've kept in contact with him and sometimes when we go out in New York, if he's around and not filming a movie or something, then he'll pick me up and we'll see each other.

He's one of those guys that you'd think would be stuck up but no, he's a really down to earth guy. We just drank like two buddies from high school.

So if you were going to give some advice to someone wanting to follow in your footsteps and become a musician, what advice would you give?

Just be humble, man!

Attitudes and egos make people hate you and if you want to be a musician, people have to like you! You have to get rid of your ego, even if you're the best musician in the world. If you want to be successful, you need to be a likeable person.

To find out more about Cris Quammie and his group the Soul Sensation, head to: crisquammiesoul.com

MAY MADNESS NAPOLEONS LEEDS ALL MONTH



With May here and Leeds gearing up for the summer, Napoleons Casino are upping the stakes with all their competition prizes and promotions throughout the month. Not that we needed more reasons to give the guys at Naps a visit!

Their 52 Card Pick Up runs every Saturday between 10pm and Midnight with cash prizes of £75 up for

grabs three times an hour!

While their Wheel of Fortune runs every Sunday with £500 up for grabs every hour between 10pm and Midnight.

That's just the tip of the iceberg too! For more of their May Madness events visit their website: www.napoleons-casinos.co.uk

ONE RECORDS DISTRIKT SATURDAY 13TH MAY



Distrikt, the underground dwelling on Duncan Street has pushed itself to the forefront of local and national market with iconic bookings like Green Velvet, Derrick May, Octave One and Matthew Herbert who have all performed to a rip roaring 200 capacity venue.

With shows already in full swing for 2017, they are also in site of

the inaugural terrace soiree of the season with One Records hosting!

Head Honchos, Adam Shelton, Subb-Ann and local spinner Bobby O'Donnell, who recently signed will perform on May 13th.

Keep up to date with more events on their website: www.distrikt.co.uk

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THE SPECIALS MILLENNIUM SQUARE SATURDAY 27TH MAY



This summer, influential British icons The Specials and legendary reggae heroes Toots And The Maytals will share the stage for the very first time. With both acts boasting significant careers that span over 40 years, the tour will be coming to Leeds as part of a three date spectacular at the end of May, ready to kick-start the summer with a refreshing mix

of timeless anthems.

The Specials are undoubtedly one of the most celebrated UK bands of all time. Born out of a time of mass unemployment and social unrest, The Specials clever, witty and socially charged hits energised a generation and created an unprecedented alchemy between band and audience.

MAMMA MIA! LEEDS GRAND THEATRE 30TH MAY - 8TH JUNE



Join the ultimate feel-good party at MAMMA MIA!, the world's sunniest and most exhilarating smash-hit musical.

Set on a Greek island paradise, a story of love, friendship and identity is cleverly told through the timeless songs of ABBA. Sophie's quest to discover the father she's never known brings her mother

face to face with three men from her distant romantic past on the eve of a wedding they'll never forget.

This irresistibly funny show has been thrilling audiences all around the world and now the party comes to Leeds Grand Theatre for the first time ever, so there's never really been a better time to see this unforgettable musical.

GIN AND VODKA FESTIVAL TRINITY LEEDS 27TH AND 28TH MAY



With 80 delicious gins and 40 unique vodkas, this is the biggest Gin and Vodka Festival in the UK with events taking place from 6pm on Saturday 27th May till 10.30pm on Sunday 28th May! Fortunately it's a long weekend!

As the organisers of the event have hand selected the most flavoursome and unique spirits on the market, distilled

with only the finest botanicals and grains from Master Distillers, it was only fitting to create this festival to showcase them.

While having a fantastic time at the festival, you will sample, taste, learn and buy from a wide variety of gins and vodkas that you will not easily find elsewhere. What more could you want?

TAKE THAT: LIVE FROM THE O2 EVERYMAN CINEMA FRIDAY 9TH JUNE



Celebrating the release of their eighth studio album Wonderland, Take That invite you to experience their highly anticipated 2017 concert LIVE at Everyman Cinema in Trinity Leeds on Friday 9th of June!

Cinema audiences will be able to experience the show from the best seats in the house, as the show is streamed

live to cinemas around the country. For the first time ever, Gary, Mark and Howard will perform at the O2 arena in London, giving fans a unique and unbeatable cinematic experience. Walls of water, circus performers, aerialists and a huge ball of fire have all graced their stages and this concert will be no less spectacular!

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LET'S ROCK LEEDS! TEMPLE NEWSAM SATURDAY 17TH JUNE



Let's Rock Leeds! will return for a 4th year to Temple Newsam on Saturday 17th June 2017.

With a fabulous line up of artists to bring you the very best of the 80s, and an action-packed day of general 80s madness, there is plenty to do for everyone at this Family Friendly Festival. The headliners are The Human League and Tony Hadley!

We've teamed up with the

organisers to give away two free tickets to Let's Rock Leeds!

Where is Let's Rock Leeds! held?

- A) Temple Newsam
- B) Millennium Square
- C) Roundhay Park

Email your answer and contact details including telephone number and address to studio@leedscitymagazine.co.uk. T&Cs apply.

NAS O2 ACADEMY LEEDS WEDNESDAY 12TH JULY



One of hip-hop's all-time greats Nas has announced three exclusive headline dates this summer. Don't miss him as he performs songs from across his illustrious career in Leeds on 12th July. As the number of huge names from around the world continue to come to Leeds, this is an opportunity to see a history maker live in the flesh.

Since releasing his debut album way back in 1994,

which received universal acclaim from both critics and the hip hop community and is frequently ranked as the greatest hip hop album of all time, Nas has earned his place in the music hall of fame, having racked up five number one albums in the US.

This is a wonderful chance to see the 11 time Grammy nominated artist in an intimate venue at O2 Academy Leeds.

MADE IN LEEDS THWAITE MILLS SATURDAY 1ST JULY



It's nearly time for Made in Leeds Festival again and with new arenas and a new venue, it's set to be the best year yet.

This year see's the introduction of all-new arenas with Federation hosting an open-air stage, Fibre taking you on an enchanted trip to their 'secret garden', Back to Basics curating an out of the ordinary open-air structure beside the canal and more. Another year

of magical Made in Leeds moments is nearly here and we can't wait!

Set on a beautiful island in the canal just 2 miles from Leeds city centre, Thwaite Mills is one of the last examples in Britain of a powered water-mill. Its river-side location, extensive forestry and picturesque grounds make for a truly unique and stunning backdrop for this year's Made in Leeds Festival.

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WATCH THE UK'S NUMBER ONE MICHAEL JACKSON TRIBUTE ACT IN LEEDS

ELLAND ROAD CENTENARY PAVILION 16TH JUNE 2017

Outside of being home to the most entertaining football team in the country, Elland Road is rapidly gaining a great reputation for being one of the best locations for events in Leeds.

From their 'An Audience With' evenings with sport stars to tribute acts, it's always a great night of entertainment. One that we're really looking forward to seeing is the UK's number one Michael Jackson tribute show live at Elland Road in June.

Forever Jackson is the ultimate tribute to Michael Jackson, setting the industry alight and selling out venues wherever they go. Awarded the 'No.1 UK Michael Jackson Tribute Show' at the 2013 UK National Tribute Awards, as voted for by the UK Agents Association, the show has become one of the most in demand tributes in the country and Europe and is fast becoming the number one Michael Jackson show to see in the world.

The man behind Forever Jackson, Robin Parsons, pays true homage to the late great King Of Pop. His voice replicates the distinctive

tones of Jackson and you could be forgiven for believing he mimes! His dancing mirrors the legend in every detail, step for step right down to the smallest of mannerisms and his look, created through a three hour process using only theatrical make-up, is the exact image of MJ. He has spent the past 17 years studying Michael Jackson in meticulous detail to produce the closest complete likeness currently performing today.

In the past six years Forever Jackson has performed in resorts, festivals, hotels and headlined events in countries such as Dubai, India, Crete, Turkey, Spain, France, Mexico and Egypt as well as Nationwide across the UK. Averaging at 150 shows annually, they regularly perform for many leading brands, companies and chains including Butlins, Thompson Sensatori, G Casino, Pontins, Haven and Park Resorts to name but a few. They also performed for Michael Jackson himself at his 45th birthday show at the Orpheum Theatre in LA.

The performance from The King of Pop at Elland Road will be followed by a disco in their Gowing Law Centenary Pavilion to finish the night with a bang. Tickets are £25 for an individual ticket or £40 for two.

You can purchase your tickets and keep up to date with Elland Road's increasingly busy events calendar at www.leedsunited.com/events



PINK GORILLA

HAURY LEMON



What a whirlwind 2017 has been for us so far at PGHL! Things are set to get even busier for us over the next few months as we welcome several new clients to join the PGHL party.

The Cocktail Experience

The Cocktail Experience returned to Aspire for the second chapter of what is now Leeds' top premium cocktail event. We would like to thank all the bars, bartenders and the extended team involved in the sell-out event and of course the lovely people of Leeds who joined us to party the night away, we couldn't have done it without you! Get ready for the next instalment which will be taking place in October 2017. Follow The Cocktail Experience on Social Media for more information.



Promo Kings and Queens

Did you spot us out and about promoting Virgin Trains? We had a blast working on the congestion relief promotion in various locations around the UK. We had fantastic feedback from our new client who described our team as amazing and red hot! Way to go guys!

The team were back in London working with Topshop for their Dress Up event in association with British Vogue. Our gorgeous hair and make-up artists loved working on the live photo shoot at Oxford Circus.

First Direct Arena

We wanted to say a huge thank you to FD Arena for inviting us to some incredible events, including Drake, The Weeknd and our favourite, Craig David! We are so lucky to have such a great venue in the city bringing some of the world's top artist to Leeds.

Vice and Virtue crowned victorious

The fantastic Vice and Virtue were crowned Best Fine Dining at the Oliver Awards, and not only that, their sister venue Dough Bistro, also won Best Suburban restaurant at the awards! We are working with Vice and Virtue on exciting new projects, keep your eyes peeled for more information coming soon.

More for your Bocca

If you follow us on social media, you will know we love eating out, which is why we are so excited to be working with Oracle and their new Italian street food concept Bocca, who have moved into The Kitchen for the summer. Bocca means mouth in Italian, and will be serving up authentic Italian pizzas, pasta, salads and Italian bites which are perfect for enjoying on the Oracle terrace with a delicious cocktail.

Be At One becomes two

Talking of cocktails, we are thrilled to be working with Be At One who are launching a second venue on Boar Lane next month. After sampling the cocktails at The Cocktail Experience, we know you are going to love their new venue.

That's all for this month! Don't forget to register on pgpromo.co.uk for some awesome money saving offers around Leeds!

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EMINEM RETURNS TO LEEDS FESTIVAL

As this year's Leeds Festival looms closer, it's safe to say the music lovers in the city can't wait for the return of hip hop legend Eminem.

With millions of record sales, 15 Grammy Awards, countless controversies and even one Academy Award, the man who is consistently considered hailed the greatest rapper of all time is simply one of the most famous musicians in the world. Why wouldn't the city be holding our breath as we await his return to Leeds Festival?

Second only to his huge back catalogue of hits is his incredible story. Coming from a broken home and dropping out of school without finishing ninth grade, it was only when he finished second in the 1997 Rap Olympics in

LA that his life started to turn round.

After being spotted by fellow rap artist Dr Dre, Eminem took his chance. His second album, and his first with a major label, 'The Slim Shady LP' was released in 1999 and would chart around the world, becoming triple platinum by the end of the year. Featuring now iconic songs such as 'My Name Is', Eminem's career started to take off.

But it wasn't until he released 'The Marshall Mathers LP' in May 2000 that he reached worldwide fame. Breaking US records to become the fastest selling solo album of the time and winning the Grammy Award (he has now won the award 6 times), the album now has a well deserved

place in the music hall of fame. After releasing 'The Marshall Mathers LP', all six of the albums he has released since have gone to number one in both the UK and the US with every one selling over 13 million copies worldwide.

However, it's not been all plain sailing for Eminem. In 2005, struggling with problems in his personal life, Eminem took a prologned hiatus from the music industry with many industry insiders believing he was ready to retire.

But four years later, having beaten a drug addiction, Eminem released 'Relapse' in 2009. Since then, he's been ever present in the music scene. His 'Recovery' and 'The Marshall Mathers LP 2' albums both received widespread acclaim and if

you believe what you hear in the media, Eminem is expected to release more new music in 2017.

Eminem returns to the Leeds and the UK in August to perform at Reading and Leeds Festival for the third time, having previously performed in 2001 and 2013. It's his first performances in the UK since he performed two sold out concerts at Wembley Stadium in July 2014. You'll see a wide range of his hits including 'The Real Slim Shady', 'Lose Yourself' and 'Love The Way You Lie' possibly mixed with some of his new material.

Eminem performs at Leeds Festival on Sunday 27th August. You can buy tickets online at: www.leedsfestival.com



Not gonna lie, JoJo and I get a bit bored of looking at each other all morning, so it's always nice to have visitors! Last month we had the lovely Louisa Johnson popping by for a brew and a natter.

We've met her a few times since she won X-Factor back in 2015, and she's a proper sound lass (plus we always get to meet various members of her family who come and hang out too. She's got Leeds roots!) This time around we had a bit of a challenge for Louisa - dog training! We thought seeing as her latest track was all about being on her 'Best

Behaviour' it was only right she tried to transfer some of those good vibes onto JoJo's dog, the notoriously badly behaved Mr Caballero. As you can imagine it was an absolute fiasco, it's not every day you see a dog chasing a popstar holding a sausage down the office! Check out the video on our Instagram @CapitalYorks

The first bank holidays of the year has been and gone. Going back to work after the 4 day Easter break was TOUGH, judging but all the tweets we had in to the show everybody struggled! Over the last few years there have been more and more big parties happening around the city over the long



weekends... The Courtyard Parties at Fibre and Queens Court hold legendary status. That queue seems to get bigger every year! If you haven't checked out the Merrion Street Festival's yet - these are also worth a look... bars like The Pit, MoJo, Manahatta and Soba all get together and sort out plenty of live music, food and drinks! This is much more of a chilled vibe, so if the suns shining and you fancy a beer get yourself down there!

Over the past year our charity, Global's Make Some Noise has been raising money for a Leeds based organisation called Candlelighters who work to support children and their families affected by cancer... as you can imagine they do some incredible work, from funding research, to organising holidays, and

running support groups for siblings and grandparents. We've done a bunch of stuff with you lot over the year to raise as much as we can - abseiling, outdoor survival weekends and bug eating to name just a few, so we were absolutely delighted to be able to present the guys at Candlelighters with a cheque for over £80,000! We had so many amazing messages from people after talking about the incredible work Candlelighters do, so we know this money will make a huge difference! Big love!

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Adam x**

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