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OKA is now open

The stunning new OKA home furnishing store has opened at 20-22 Harborne Road, in the heart of Edgbaston Village, with seasonal signature room sets beautifully showing off the extensive selection of furniture and accessories, from rugs to beds, tableware to lighting, mirrors and dining tables.

The Edgbaston store is OKA's fourteenth store and the first to be open in the Midlands. It is based in two recently converted period properties over three floors with a large open plan ground floor, which has high ceilings and elegant bay windows, perfect for showing room sets. There is an outdoor terrace showing OKA's stunning collection of outdoor furniture and a customer car park at the back of the property.

Co-founder Annabel Astor said: "We're delighted to be opening our fourteenth store in Edgbaston Village. It was an obvious choice as we have a loyal and growing customer base in the surrounding area and we look forward to welcoming customers to the store."

Mark Lee, Chief Executive of Calthorpe Estates said; "We are overjoyed that OKA has chosen Edgbaston Village for their flagship store in the Midlands. The high end brand is the perfect fit and reflects our aspirations to establish a premium leisure and lifestyle location in the heart of Edgbaston, benefitting those that live in the area whilst attracting new visitors from far and wide."

To find out more, visit www.oka.com/shops/edgbaston

The High Field named in The Sunday Times Best Places to work

The Peach Pub Company, which runs The High Field and The High Field Town House boutique hotel in the heart of Edgbaston Village has been named one of the best places to work in the country by The Sunday Times in the newspaper's Top 100 Best Companies to Work For Guide.

David Cumberlidge, Peach Partner said; "When we started Peach fifteen years ago we set out to open one, really great pub. Now, to be recognised as one of the best companies to work for in the whole UK is a dream come true."

To find out more or book a table visit www.highfieldedgbaston.co.uk



David Cumberlidge from Peach



Edgbaston Hall, then and now

Happy Birthday!

Calthorpe Estates is 300 years old this year!

Back in 1717 Sir Richard Gough, a London merchant bought the Calthorpe Estate, which has been owned by the Anstruther-Gough-Calthorpe family ever since. During his residency here, Sir Richard rebuilt Edgbaston Hall and adjoining church and enclosed Edgbaston Park, which became Edgbaston Golf Club.

To celebrate the occasion, we are planning a big event later in the year for the whole community and commissioning a sculpture and trail for all to enjoy.

Watch this space for more information.



Vision to create New Garden Square moving forward

Following a consultation process at the end of last year, U+I and Calthorpe Estates have concluded the proposals for a major £300 million aspirational mixed use scheme, on a 10 acre site along the Hagley Road - adjacent to the Plough and Harrow.

A planning application was submitted to Birmingham City Council at the end of January with the aim of the first phase being completed by 2020.

The plans include 400 residential apartments, up to 56,500 square metres of office space, potential for a 100-bedroom hotel, and 2,400 square metres of retail - all set around interlinked gardens and retaining the Grade II listed buildings. The plans also include a new 900 space car park.

The timing of the scheme should coincide with the introduction of the SPRINT and Metro, with a terminal on the opposite side of the Hagley Road expected from 2021. For further details visit www.newgardensquare.co.uk



Artists impression of new public open space in the centre of New Garden Square

Bags of Help for Martineau Gardens



Martineau Gardens - the therapeutic Community Garden on the Priory Road - has secured £5,000 of funding from Tesco towards its Therapeutic Horticultural Project.

The Garden is helped by volunteers and open with free entry to the public Monday to Saturday, 10am -4pm except Bank Holidays.

This Spring there is a whole host of events and activities going on at Martineau Gardens, as well as the gardens coming alive after the winter months, so why not pop in and enjoy a stroll around or take advantage of what's going on.

To find more details visit www.martineau-gardens.org.uk



A Taste of Spain Over Lunch

In a new feature we will be profiling some of the people behind the main venues in Edgbaston Village. This issue we meet Emma Yufera-Ruiz - the owner and founder of El Borracho de Oro at Harborne Court.



When did you arrive in Edgbaston?
I have lived here with my family since 2013 and opened El Borracho two years later in June 2015.

What did you do beforehand?
El Borracho is my fourth Spanish restaurant. Previously I ran two restaurants in Shropshire and Don Diego in Sutton Coldfield, which were all very popular. However, my ambition was to open the first truly fresh and authentic Spanish restaurant in Birmingham and Edgbaston Village was the perfect location for me.

What do you enjoy most about what you do?
I love the whole aspect of creating a fantastic customer experience and seeing people really enjoy dining here.

We use the freshest ingredients from Birmingham Market and specialist local suppliers, as well as buying authentic ingredients including cheeses, saffron, paprika and specialist meats from Spain.

Our wines, beer, cider and gin are all from Spain too. We are Spanish throughout, from the decor, guitar music, menus, chef and waiters and some diners have said they feel like they are abroad.

What would you recommend on the menu?
The tapas and main meals all follow traditional Spanish food and are delicious. You won't find mussels in cream here as we follow the traditional recipe that includes tomatoes and almonds.

At lunch time you can order just 2 tapas for £7.50 and there are vegetarian options so this is perfect for trying out and won't cost more than a



sandwich lunch. Since February we have been open 7 days a week for lunch and dinner, with two for the price of one on drinks every weekday between 5pm and 7pm.

The tapas and sharing meals are popular. Our tables aren't too close so the restaurant is perfect for a romantic meal, or we can cater for families and parties that want to sit together and socialise.

So do pop in and see what El Borracho de Oro has to offer and why it won the Best Restaurant of The Year at the Birmingham Awards last year.

Don't delay, to book a table go to www.elborracho.co.uk or call 0121 454 5368.

Dental Hospital Shortlisted for Three Awards

The new £50 million Birmingham Dental Hospital and School of Dentistry, at Pebble Mill, has been shortlisted for a hat trick of awards at the year's Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) West Midlands Awards.

The first development to be built on Calthorpe Estates' Pebble Mill scheme, provides a landmark facility offering cutting-edge treatment to a patient population of around 1.5 million, while securing the future of dental training in the region for years to come.

The project was developed by BaS LIFT and has been shortlisted in the 'Infrastructure, Community Benefit and Design through Innovation' categories and will be competing against other schemes in the West Midlands. For more information visit www.calthorpe.co.uk/news-events/planning-granted-pebble-mill-schemes



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Arab Health 2017 a great showcase for EMQ

The Edgbaston Medical Quarter stand, in the UK Pavilion at Arab Health, attracted a great deal of attention in its inaugural year. It resulted in discussions with Nicola Blackwell, MP, and DIT, along with leading healthcare providers and stakeholders wishing to establish themselves within Edgbaston or take advantage of the world-class cluster of medical and life sciences excellence in the area.

Calthorpe Estates and leading medical and healthcare organisations, to include West Midlands Academic Health Science Network, Institute of Translational Medicine, Birmingham Health Partners, The Digital Health Global Centre of Excellence and the Royal Centre for Defence Medicine, at the end of January and beginning of February headed out to Dubai to exhibit at Arab Health 2017.

The leading medical exhibitions was attended by over 4,000 exhibitors and over 100,000 delegates, it really helped put EMQ on the international map.



Enjoy a Michelin starred meal for just £25



At Michelin starred **Simpsons**, you can enjoy either three delicious and seasonal courses for just £25pp or two courses for only £20pp.

The Menu 25 is available lunch only from Tuesday to Friday, it really is a treat not to be missed and for those short on time it makes for a winning combination. To book **0121 454 3434** or visit www.simpsonsrestaurant.co.uk

The Afternoon Tea to Beat all Afternoon Teas

The Edgbaston, at 18 Highfield Road, may be known for its award-winning cocktails but its new Edgbaston Spring Afternoon Tea is really something very special. Apart from the most delicious and beautiful selection of savouries and pastries, The Edgbaston has gone the extra mile to add some Spring touches. Tea's start at £25pp for details or to book call **0121 454 5212** or visit www.theedgbaston.co.uk

20% off any luxury facial at Highfield Wellness & Beauty

This March why not take advantage of 20% off a Dermalogica or Thalgo Facial, a Crystal Clear Pulsed jet Oxygen Facial, a Microdermabrasion Facial or the COMCIT Micro-needling Facial - what better way to have fresh feeling skin this Spring. To book call **0121 455 7380** or visit <http://highfieldbeauty.com> for details.

Spring activities



On the Estate over the coming weeks there are a whole host of events to get you out and about.

Spring into action at the mac

At the **mac** there is a great deal going on from art displays, film, contemporary dance through to children's workshops and adult courses - to find out more look at their website www.macbirmingham.co.uk/whats-on

Easter Botanical Gardens fun

Looking for some Easter activities for the kids? Why not pop down to **The Botanical Gardens** where there will be plenty of Arts and Crafts, Bug Hunting and Spring activities for the little ones taking place! For more information go to www.birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk/whatson/

Highfield Gardens Phase II

If you have been considering living in the thriving community of the Calthorpe Estate, then news that Taylor Wimpey has just developed further new homes off Highfield Road, could be of interest.

The new homes have been selling fast - with all town houses now sold - but there are 1 and 2 bedroom apartments available at Bloomsbury House, starting from £189,995. For more details please visit the sales centre, located off Highfield Road or call the sales executive on **0121 227 0877**, open Thursday to Monday 11am to 5pm.



Discover Edgbaston at Birmingham Airport

If you are one of the 6 million travellers passing through Birmingham Airport in the next 6 months, there is a good chance you will see the illuminated panels promoting Edgbaston.

Around illuminated 'Discover Edgbaston' poster signs, wrap-around wall images have been placed which highlight the attractions, activities and venues within Edgbaston. So next time you fly, keep your eyes peeled!



More Edgbaston Village news

Here is a brief round up of additional news from across Edgbaston Village.

The Physician now open



The Physician - which opened its doors at the end of November - is offering a warm welcome with an extensive menu and drinks, including an impressive range of real ales.

Why not pop in and see what is on offer. For further details visit www.brunningandprice.co.uk/physician/

The Edgbaston launches new cocktail menu

The new 'Taste of Birmingham' cocktail menu has been designed around the city's rich history, culture and heritage - encompassing jewellery, the arts, textiles, glass, metals, great minds and confectionary.

With nostalgic and familiar ingredients through to exciting new flavours and experiences, the new cocktail menu is filled with passion and creativity at its best. Take a sip down memory lane - for details visit www.theedgbaston.co.uk.



New look Anytime Fitness

Antime Fitness in Harborne Court has had a bit of a make-over, there is a range of new equipment and classes on offer. And with a FREE 3 day trial available, what better time to check out the gym, which is open 24/7. For further details visit www.anytimefitness.co.uk

And last but not least ...

Just along from The Physician at 30 Harborne Road, there is a hive of activity to finalise the building make-over ready for the Boston Tea Party - arriving this Spring, to tempt us with a range of refreshments and treats.

Calthorpe Estates is in discussions with a range of independent retailers looking to introduce new services across Edgbaston Village by taking space at recently refurbished Islington Row and Greenfield Crescent. The renovation of office space into retail units is nearly complete and the public realm works should be finished by the end of the year.

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26th March Mother's Day specials

Across the Estate there are a range of Mother's Day lunches on offer: Michelin starred **Simpsons**, with its stunning setting, will be serving a delicious Sunday lunch menu priced at £45pp www.simpsonsrestaurant.co.uk

For Mothers who want to enjoy an elegant setting with award-winning cuisine and fine cocktails then **Praza** on Hagley Road is place to be this Mother's Day. They will be serving a special Indian afternoon tea, priced from £20.95pp between 1pm to 6pm. www.praza.co.uk/indian-afternoon-tea-mothers-day

Visit www.calthorpe.co.uk/dining to find out more about the choice of dining on offer across the Estate.

The Edgbaston Sleepout

Edgbaston Stadium will be holding a fundraising sleepout on April 27th in aid of St. Basils and several other charities addressing homelessness. The Director of Sport and former player Ashley Giles will be sleeping out and doing a Q&A on the night. To take part or find out more visit www.edgbaston.com/news/edgbaston-foundation-launches-stadium-sleepout-supporting-st-basils/

St George's Day celebrations

Why not join in the lunchtime celebrations taking place on St George's Day between 12noon and 2pm on Friday 28th April at **St George's Church**. For details visit www.stgeorgesedgbaston.org.uk