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ROUND FOUNDRY
MARSHALLS MILL

HISTORY OF INVENTION, HOME OF INNOVATION

WINTER 2018



WINTER WELCOME



It's been a busy old year down here on the Round Foundry estate. In this edition we'll be looking back at all the fun fun fun we've had on the estate in 2018; from blue plaques and baking to table football and ghost walks.

As it's the most wonderful time of the year, we'll be telling you about this year's Christmas gift collection for Leeds Women's Aid. We've also got some new faces to tell you about as we have a new tenant and some new neighbours to say hello to.

The news on everyone's lips is that Channel 4 will be moving its headquarters to Leeds next year, which is incredibly exciting, especially for Marshall's Mill-based independent production True North whose Creative Director Andrew Sheldon played a key role in attracting the broadcaster to our city. The company has just taken some new space in the Mill, and you can read more about that in this issue.

Enjoy the read!

ROUND & ABOUT

A MIDNIGHT MAKEOVER

You may have noticed that The Midnight Bell has been looking a little differently recently. Holbeck's flagship Leeds Brewery pub underwent a complete makeover in the autumn, and there has been a brand-new menu to complement the new look. Punters can pick from a packed menu of pub classics, from bourguignon and burgers to steak and sausages. For a lighter lunch, there's an array of sandwiches, salads and wraps.

A KIND CHRISTMAS GESTURE

For the fourth year running, we're asking our kind tenants to donate a Christmas gift for the women and children at Leeds Women's Aid. This year, the charity has suggested the following items as being most important:

- Children's toys
- Children's pyjamas
- Children's slippers
- Women's pyjamas
- Women's slippers
- Boxes of chocolates (no alcohol)
- Boxes of biscuits
- Nice toiletries sets
- Jars of coffee

Anything that you can spare really does make a huge difference, thank you. We will be handing over these donations on 19th December so please give parcels to Lisa at Marshall's Mill reception before then.

BLYNKING BIG WELCOME

You might have spotted some new faces in the area as we have a brand new tenant in Marshall's Mill. Blynk help retailers, brands and their agencies to build experiences for their customers through immersive ideas and connected interactive installations. They craft physical digital (phy-gital!) experiences using digital as theatre to surprise and delight consumers and passengers.

Welcome to the estate!



AWARD WIN FOR THE ESTATE

Workman LLP, managing agents of The Round Foundry & Marshall's Mill estate, came up top trumps at the recent Hermes Responsible Property Investment Awards as the team won the title of 'best community engagement'. Run by Hermes Investment, the estate landlord, the awards recognise those who deliver real environmental and social outcomes through the company's real estate operations. There was a special shout out for Marshall's Mill receptionist Lisa Riley for all her hard work on the estate events programme.

Well done Team Workman.

EVERYBODY NEEDS WOOD NEIGHBOURS...

If you have wooden furniture, fixtures or fittings that you no longer need, you can now put it to good use and make some room at home at the same time. Our new neighbours at Leeds Wood Recycling CIC have created a great business idea. The social enterprise aims to divert wood waste from landfill by offering affordable timber to the public and to local community projects. The scheme also aims to create jobs, training and volunteering opportunities for local people. If you'd like to use their services or to volunteer, head to their website:

www.leedswoodrecycling.co.uk

TRUE NORTH EXPANDS

Following the mega exciting news that Channel 4 is moving its headquarters to Leeds, True North TV has signed a five-year lease renewal which will see the company take up extra office space in Marshall's Mill.

Since moving to Marshall's Mill in summer 2009, True North has more than quadrupled its initial space. Starting out as a small team, there are now more than 150 staff members and freelancers working in the company's busy head office. The award-winning team attributes the expansion to steady business growth, which will see True North producing more programmes. The company is also home to some of the best post-production and editing suites in Leeds and is hoping to make the spaces available to external clients.

Andrew Sheldon, co-founder and creative director of True North, is a big fan of the area. "Marshall's Mill has always been, and continues to be, a fantastic base for us, and with Channel 4 moving to Leeds there has never been a better time to be an

established production company in the city," he says. "Our office is incredibly busy and also popular with our team and clients, so the fact that we've been able to expand several times with ease has been vital to us as a business. We're surrounded by other like-minded creative businesses, which makes for a terrific energy round here. We're actually one of the longest-standing tenants of the Round Foundry community and we hope to be here for many more years."

True North is the largest factual independent television production company in the North of England. The company produces a broad range of factual programmes, including kids' TV programme 'The Pets Factor' and the hit MTV reality series 'Teen Mom UK'.



2018 ROUNDUP...

It's been a busy old year on the Round Foundry estate. From cakes and choirs to bikes and blue plaques, the community spirit is alive and well in the neighbourhood, which gives us all a nice warm feeling.

The fun and games kicked off with the estate's annual Easter Egg hunt in March, which saw All Response Media take the crown (and a big, luxury Hotel Chocolat hamper!)



As well as the Easter Egg hunt, we asked tenants to bring in an Easter egg to donate to the estate's chosen charity, Leeds Women's Aid. The response was absolutely phenomenal, and overall 120 eggs were donated to the charity. Thank you again to everyone that donated!

The competitions continued into April, and this time it was MediaCom who took the title of Holbeck darts champions. The Marshall's Mill based media agency beat off some stiff competition and won a £180 tab



Then came the summer, when the whole country was gripped by World Cup fever and basking in glorious sunshine. We couldn't resist jumping on the bandwagon, so we ordered in a table football and let the fun commence. After blood, sweat, tears and copious amounts of cheering from colleagues, it was True North who achieved what England couldn't, winning the (Round Foundry) World Cup and a £100 voucher to spend in The Midnight Bell.



...ROUND THE FOUNDRY



The estate's annual fright night saw terrified tenants flock to our freaky film screenings and ghoulish ghost walks, and our Halloween pet fancy dress saw some seriously spooky (but very cute) contenders.

To round off a fantastic year, we will once again be collecting Christmas gifts for Leeds Women's Aid. The donations make a huge difference to the women and children that are helped by charity, so anything you can donate will be greatly appreciated.

It's been a year packed full of laughter; we hope you've enjoyed it as much as we have. Thank you to everyone that has joined in with the fun and games and to everyone who has helped to make the events possible.



LCC & THE ROUND FOUNDRY MEDIA CENTRE



Leeds City Council renews its lease on the Round Foundry Media Centre, extending the building's reputation as the place for high growth creative, digital and media businesses in the city.

The Media Centre opened in 2003 with Leeds City Council taking up the lease in 2014. The RFMC has proved very successful; around 60 per cent of the small businesses that have started in the building have expanded into larger spaces in and around the area.

A lot of that success can be attributed to the work of Creative Space Management who manage the RFMC and Workman LLP who manage both Marshall's Mill and the Round Foundry. These companies along with Leeds City Council have created a community of like-minded businesses and an environment which includes the capacity to grow into larger spaces across the estate and is designed to help them succeed.

This approach has resulted in serial entrepreneurs making the RFMC their home. Entrepreneurs such as Robin Hill and Andrew Mason who recently returned to RFMC with four new co-founded tech start-ups RapidSpike, InfoSecurity People, Data Protection People and Pentest People following

success with their first tech company, RandomStorm, which began at the Media Centre in 2009. This debut company was sold in 2014 for £10m.

The site has also provided a supportive home for small businesses moving from other cities. Market research company SimpleUsability re-located to RFMC from York as just two people. The business was able to expand into larger offices within the building, before moving just across the road to take up a bigger space in Marshall's Mill.

Leeds City Council executive member for regeneration, transport and planning Councillor Richard Lewis is a big fan of the RFMC. He comments "We are very pleased to have concluded this lease extension. Situated in the South Bank just a few minutes' walk from the southern entrance of Leeds Station, the Round Foundry Media Centre is a great example of the council working with and supporting innovation and small businesses at the heart of our digital and creative quarter."

WHAT'S ON?



NEW YEAR AT THE NORTHERN MONK - £70/person
Monday 31st December, 7.30pm
Northern Monk Refectory

See in the new year at Northern Monk Refectory, where you can fill up on delicious locally sourced grub and wash it down with bottomless beers from the Northern Monk cellar.

£70 per person - inclusive of food & drinks for the evening. Selected wines, spirits/mixers & soft drinks will also be available.

Tickets: northern-monk-brew-co.myshopify.com/products/new-year-at-northern-monk-refectory-lds

SO! CHOIR - FREE
Returns January 2019 (date TBC)
Ground Floor (former Bloom office), Marshall's Mill

Learn how to hit those high notes at Marshall's Mill free, friendly choir sessions, led by So! Choir, experts in social singing. There's no need to be nervous, the choir is all about having fun and you don't need any previous singing experience. The choir takes place every other Thursday in the Marshall's Mill empty third floor office. It's taking a break over the summer, but new September dates will be announced soon, so keep an eye out.

YOGA WITH ALEX - £4 per session
Every Tuesday, 12.30pm - 1.15pm
Ground Floor (former Bloom office), Marshall's Mill

Tenants of the Round Foundry & Marshall's Mill estate can stretch away any stress in a weekly yoga class with Alex.

ROLL YOUR HIPS WITH REE - £5 per session
Every Wednesday, 1.15pm - 2pm
Ground Floor (former Bloom office), Marshall's Mill

Wiggle, Wave, and Wine your way to fitness heaven; dancing to Soca and Dancehall classes with Ravelle aka 'Ree'. This is a high energy cardio workout dance fitness class derived from the Caribbean islands, moving to upbeat sounds and inspired moves from the musical islands that created Dancehall, Reggae and Soca music. This class is packed with fun choreography to keep you smiling and an exciting way to release some energy during the work week.

- This class is open to all levels
- No previous dancing experience required
- Please wear trainers or pumps and comfortable clothing which you can easily move in



Ella the Dracula dog, Bolser's winning entry for the 2018 Halloween pets competition

FOOD & DRINK

Our estate is home to a number of cafés, pubs and restaurants, each with something special to tantalise your taste buds. Not familiar with the fab foodie places, all of which are independent? Find out more about them below.

DAVID ST. CAFÉ

A great little café which has been a part of the community for more than 25 years. Pop in for a baked potato, bacon butty or a fry-up.

MATT HEALY X THE FOUNDRY

The first restaurant from the runner up of BBC cooking programme Masterchef: The Professionals (2016), Matt Healy x The Foundry opened in xx and has already been racking up the awards including Best Newcomer in the Yorkshire Life Food & Drink Awards 2018 and winner of a competition by Unilever to find Britain's Best Roast Dinner. The menu encourages a grazing, sharing style of dining, delivering dishes as and when they are prepared and at their freshest.

www.mhfoundry.co.uk

OUT OF THE WOODS

The first in an independent pair of cafes in Leeds, bringing you the very best in delicious, locally sourced food and drink seeing you through from breakfast to afternoon cakes. Founded by Ross Halliday, these days OOTW is a family affair and a firm fixture in the estate.

www.outofthewoods.me.uk

TASTE

One of the newest kids to this particular block, café and sandwich shop Taste produces their take on good, honest food using fresh local ingredients to eat in or take away, made fresh every day. Sharon and her team have quickly become key members of our community and we are proud to have them as part of our foodie offer.

www.taste-yorkshire.com

THE MIDNIGHT BELL

Leeds Brewery's flagship pub, The Midnight Bell has made a name for itself with brilliant beers, seasonal menus and quite possibly the best beer garden in the city. Great food, friendly service and a relaxing, modern pub – perfect for all occasions from post work drink to lazy weekend lunch.

www.midnightbell.co.uk

THE CROSS KEYS

Multi award winning gastro pub The Cross Keys is run by North Bars, a family of bars that have been championing traditional British food, fine wines and excellent ales from across the world across Leeds for over 20 years. An institution that dates back to the area's heyday in the industrial revolution, The Cross Keys was built in 1802 for local foundry workers, something it continues with to this day.

www.the-crosskeys.com

