

Singers News

Bar & Bistro

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Special offers

In the countdown to the re-launch of the Singers Bar & Bistro, the Ricoh Arena is offering a special 24-hour rate to conference delegates.

The package, costing just £140 inc VAT per person, includes:

- tea/coffee x two
- two-course buffet lunch
- room hire
- LCD projector screen
- flip chart
- single accommodation
- three-course dinner
- breakfast

To take advantage of this fantastic offer in July and August call 0870 811 6500 and quote reference SUMM. This offer is for a minimum of ten delegates and is subject to availability.

Look out on the hotel's website, www.arenahotels.co.uk, for details of great accommodation offers in August. Subject to availability.

Are you raising money for a local charity? Have you just secured a promotion?

Whatever your news, we want to hear about it to publish the best stories in the bi-monthly Singers News. Contact Mandy Doyle on 0870 811 6564 with your news and there will be a prize of lunch for two at Singers for the best story that is printed.



City's heritage celebrated in new Ricoh restaurant

Coventry's motoring heritage will be celebrated when the new-look Singers Bar & Bistro is officially opened at the Ricoh Arena.

A 1947 Singer car has been loaned from the Coventry Transport Museum in Millennium Place to be placed in the lobby of the refurbished former Bistro.

A Singer motorbike and other artefacts have also been donated by the museum to mark the transformation of the dining area at the '71 Rooms & Silk Suites' hotel.

Dignitaries, guests and Ricoh Arena sponsors have been invited to attend the re-launch.

Ricoh Arena hotel manager Nigel Mann said the new name had been chosen to commemorate the significant contribution Singer had made to Coventry.

"Coventry City FC was originally called Singers until 1898 since the cycle manufacturer founded the football club five years earlier," he said.

"There is no other venue in the city which celebrates the huge impact Singer made to the motoring heritage of Coventry and we wanted to change that.

"The name of Singer was linked with producing quality bicycles, motorbikes and cars and we will have memorabilia from the company's history as well as Singer vehicles which have

kindly been loaned to us by Coventry Transport Museum to mark the legacy that they left behind.

"The Singer Owners' Club has 4,500 members throughout the world and Les Jones, who is the Midlands co-ordinator, will be coming along to the re-launch to chat to guests about the famous vehicles which rolled off the company's production line.

"We believe the restaurant should belong to the community and this is a great way of ensuring the Singer name lives on for future generations."

The Singers Bar & Bistro has been divided into a restaurant, bar area and coffee lounge with internet access and plasma television screens.

Nigel added: "Feedback from our guests has suggested business men and women would like a separate area to log on to the internet while enjoying a cup of coffee and keeping up-to-date with the latest news and sport.

"The restaurant area has been extended to cope with an increase in demand and we will also have a more defined bar area with high tables and chairs if people simply want to call in for a drink.

"We are delighted with the changes and are confident our guests will be too."

Match Day Dining Club to be launched

An exclusive Match Day Dining Club will be launched at Singers Bar & Bistro when Coventry City's new Championship season kicks off in August.

The bistro will provide a first-class service for Sky Blues fans who prefer the atmosphere generated in the stands but would like to enjoy a fantastic meal or room before the match gets under way as part of their pre-match enjoyment or to mark a special occasion throughout the campaign.

Membership for the Match Day Dining Club costs just £50 per annum and there is a capacity for 70 people per game which means there only are a limited number of spaces. Members will then simply need to book their places in advance to be served a sumptuous two-course meal at £18 per head.

For further information about the Match Day Dining Club please contact 0870 421 1987 (option four) or email commercial@ccfc.co.uk

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Paul Stevenson and Steve Miles have joined the kitchen team at the new-look Singers Bar & Bistro. Paul, aged 30, has been appointed Head Chef and will be introducing an exciting new menu containing a modern twist on traditional recipes. He has been joined in the kitchen at the Ricoh Arena by 46-year-old sous chef Steve Miles, who worked with Paul at the New Inn in Bulkington.

CHRISTMAS LIVE!

Bigger. Better. Live...

The Christmas Live! office is now open in the Ricoh Arena.

Mikala Turner has been appointed Special Events Sales Manager as the arena links up with Hegstrordinary Events to invite work colleagues and friends to hold their festive parties at Christmas Live 2007 throughout December from £39.50 plus VAT.

All the thrills and spills of an indoor fun fair, live entertainment including a set by popular Coventry band The Swains and a four-course meal will ensure a night to remember.

Contact Mikala on 0870 334 0102, email christmas@ricoharena.com or log on to www.christmaslive2007.co.uk for more details.

Rod Stewart will be performing at the Ricoh Arena on Tuesday, July 10, as part of his nationwide UK tour.

The Scot has been a chart success since his 1971 release 'Every Picture Tells A Story' and the smash hit Maggie May – both of which were No. 1 in America and the UK simultaneously, a chart first.

Daniel Gidney, Chief Executive of the Ricoh Arena, said: "Rod Stewart is a musical legend and will be a massive magnet for the city – attracting fans from all parts of the country.

"It is fantastic to see the calibre of artists continuing to stay strong after shows by Bon Jovi, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Bryan Adams and Beverley Knight."

Tickets priced at £65, £60, £55 and £50 are available from 0870 400 0688 and www.LiveNation.co.uk

Successes mean there's more to come...

The Ricoh Arena is planning a series of indoor concerts. Following the success of the Beverley Knight and Bryan Adams concerts in the Jaguar Exhibition Hall, the £113 million arena has now invested in further staging and seating and is hoping to entice more top acts to the city.

The 6,000 sq m indoor Jaguar Exhibition Hall can be divided into smaller capacities of up to 2,000 for more intimate gigs or up to 8,000 standing for larger concerts and this provides great flexibility as the venue can adapt and change dependant on ticket sales.

Daniel Gidney, Chief Executive of the Ricoh Arena, said: "Beverley Knight and Nizlopi were a massive success when they performed in the hall earlier this year and on the back of

that gig we have invested £250,000 in seating and staging because we are ready to launch a programme of indoor concerts.

"We believe we offer competitive rates and that our overall package delivers great value. I would like to invite interested promoters to come along and take a look because I am sure they won't be disappointed.

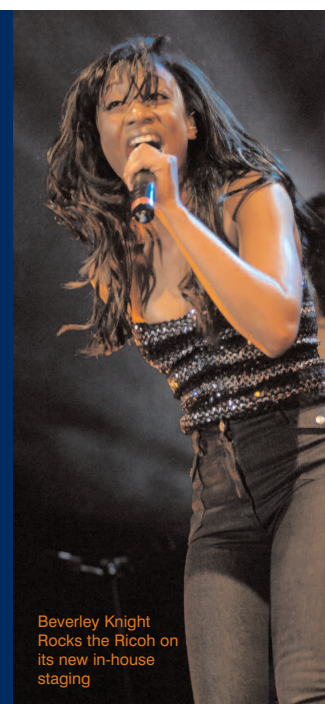
"The fact that we have 2,000 on-site car parking spaces is a real plus because concert goers can walk from their vehicles to the venue – unlike many other locations in the country."

The award-winning venue, which is only a two hours' drive for 75 per cent of the population, has already received praise from Paul Latham from Live Nation.

Mr Latham, President, UK Music & Venues, said: "Having worked in Coventry many years ago and been frustrated at the lack of appropriate concert-going opportunities in the area the investment in the Ricoh Arena and its associated facilities is highly commendable and will become a regional asset.

"Live Nation is always looking for new opportunities to route tours and the Jaguar Halls may well become a regular stopping point for concerts."

Andy Bernstein from Volcanic Productions added: "The Ricoh is an excellent new venue. We staged a Beverley Knight show for the official venue opening in the Jaguar Exhibition Hall in February this year which was a fantastic event."



Beverley Knight Rocks the Ricoh on its new in-house staging