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Welcome to GreenGate Life

Welcome to GreenGate Life ... it seems like no time at all since we launched our first issue last summer, but now here we are on issue number three and looking forward to a busy (hopefully sunny) spring/summer 2020.

We're constantly looking at ways we can make life easier and better for all our residents – including the four-legged ones – and already this year we've got off to a flying start, making improvements to our popular communal spaces.

If you like the option of working from home rather than an office, or if you just want somewhere to browse the internet and catch-up on social, we've added a new hot desk bar stool area so there's now even more room for home working or to just chill out with a coffee and check emails.

Because we're right at the heart of the city centre, we like to help you keep up with everything that's going on and nothing says summer quite like a festival – even if it always pays to be prepared with some emergency wellies just in case! In this issue of GreenGate Life we've rounded up some of the best festivals happening in Manchester, whatever your taste in music or food and drink.

And while we're on the subject of great ways to get together, we've got one of our own coming up ... don't forget to keep an eye out for the next resident social coming this April. You'll get to meet up with some new faces, friends and neighbours, as well as a few of our doggie pals!

We hope you enjoy issue three of GreenGate Life, and have a fabulous spring/summer whatever you've got planned ...

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MAR 2020

The Original Harlem Globetrotters
March 8
Manchester Arena

The Harlem Globetrotters, featuring some of the most electrifying athletes on the planet, are bringing their show to Manchester this March. Founded in 1927, the Globetrotters have entertained more than 148 million fans in 123 countries and territories worldwide, introducing many to the sport of basketball. Whether you're a sports fan or not, this is sure to be hit amongst everyone looking for a night of fun with friends or family.



James Arthur
March 14
Manchester Arena

Ahead of his highly anticipated sold out theatre dates, James Arthur has announced a nationwide UK and Ireland arena tour for March. Following the release of his new single 'Treehouse', James will be on stage at Manchester Arena on March 14th to perform no.1 hits such as 'Say You Won't Let Go' and 251 million time streamed 'Rewrite the Stars'. This is a night not to be missed.



Gin and Rum Festival
March 27/28
Manchester Cathedral

The UK's largest Gin & Rum Festival tour is coming to Manchester. Celebrate the best of gin and rum with this unique experience that's sure to leave a great taste in your mouth. Discover new favourites with samples from their hand-picked guest distillers, treat yourself at the themed gin and rum bars with two free mini spirit bottles as well as live tours, unlimited complimentary premium tonics and a great set from the resident DJ.



MANCHESTER EVENTS

APR 2020

Cirque Du Soleil- Crystal
April 2
Manchester Arena

Taking place in Manchester Arena, Crystal is not just an ice show, it's the very first experience on ice from Cirque du Soleil. Watch world-class ice skaters and acrobats claim their new frozen playground with speed and fluidity as they challenge the laws of gravity with never-before-seen acrobatics. Discover a new kind of performance as Cirque du Soleil meets the ice to defy all expectations.



Bottomless Brunch Festival
April 4
Manchester City Centre

Join The Prosecco & Gin Events for unlimited prosecco, gin and mimosas as they bring the first ever Bottomless Brunch Festival to Manchester. With their huge selection of gins, guests will be spoilt for choice, but if fizz is more your thing, no need to worry because there will also be plenty of that! Enjoy a selection of charcuterie and continental food options to complement your favourite drinks. Be sure to visit their facebook page for more information.



Dita Von Teese
April 14/30
O2 Apollo Manchester

The beautiful Dita Von Teese is set to grace the stage of Manchester's Apollo with her all new stage show: Glamazonatrix. The ultra glam Burlesque revue will take the audience on a stunning visual journey with show-stopping performances celebrating femininity in all its glory. Costumes are all created by famed corset makers Mister Pearl, Jenny Packham, Alexis Mabille and many more! Shoe aficionados will also delight in the extraordinary bespoke footwear by Christian Louboutin. Every fashionista's dream!



MANCHESTER EVENTS

MAY 2020

RuPaul's Drag Race Werq The World Tour 2020

May 7
Manchester Arena

The Official RuPaul's Drag Race World Tour returns with an all-new production for 2020! An experiment gone wrong has sent Michelle Visage spiraling through time with no way of returning home. Join Asia O'Hara, Kameron Michaels, Plastique Tiara, Shea Couleé, Vanessa Vanjie Mateo, Yvie Oddly and the winner of RuPaul's Drag Race UK as they journey through iconic periods of time in the hopes they will find their way back to present day. A must-see night for any RuPaul fan!



Les Miserables

May 12-30
The Lowry

After nearly a decade since the last sell-out UK tour, Cameron Mackintosh's acclaimed Broadway production of Boublil and Schönberg's musical "Les Misérables" will play The Lowry in May. It's brilliant new staging has taken the world by storm and has been hailed "Les Mis for the 21st Century". Audiences can immerse themselves in scenery inspired by the paintings of Victor Hugo while enjoying all the hits including: "I Dreamed a Dream", "On My Own", "Bring Him Home", "One Day More", "Master Of The House" and many more.



The Killers

May 30
Emirates Old Trafford

Forming in Las Vegas in 2001 and shooting to fame quickly after, world famous indie rock band The Killers are embarking on a UK and Ireland tour with special guests Blossoms, and will be playing at Emirates Old Trafford. For the band, whose most recent UK performance was their spectacular Glastonbury 2019 headline set, this will be their biggest ever tour in May/June 2020.



JUNE 2020

Camila Cabello

June 4
Manchester Arena

Multi Grammy nominated Cuban-born singer/songwriter Camila Cabello will be coming to UK in summer with her brand new world tour, with hits like "Havana" and 'Bad Things', Camila is the number 1 artist on global Spotify and has also gained a platinum-certified album, Camila , which launched its debut at number 1 on iTunes charts around the world, breaking the record for most number 1 positions for a debut album in iTunes history. With all singing, all dancing performances, fans will not be disappointed.



Parklife Festival

June 13-14
Heaton Park

Manchester's biggest summer party returns to Heaton Park in June year after year, courtesy of the team behind The Warehouse Project. The multi-genre weekend will play host to a versatile list of high-in-demand acts and musicians covering all bases and delivering an unmissable event for fans of electronic and live music alike. Previous Parklife Festival guests have included The 1975, Liam Gallagher, Lorde, The XX, A\$AP Rocky and The Chemical Brothers. All we need now, is good weather.



Thom Yorke

June 21
O2 Victoria Warehouse

Radiohead frontman Thom Yorke will be performing a limited number of UK tour dates, stopping off at at Manchester's O2 Victoria Warehouse as part of his Tomorrow's Modern Boxes tour. Comprising Thom, Nigel Godrich (Radiohead producer) and visual artist, Tarik Barri, the show will see the trio perform songs from across Thom's career, including latest album, Anima.



GREENGATE NEWS

Welcoming in the spring season with a fitter you ...

At the start of every year, we always promise ourselves we'll get fitter and healthier. Then the rain comes and we find ourselves snuggling indoors, watching TV and snacking. Here at GreenGate however, exercising couldn't be easier. Our on-site gym means there's no planning ahead or travelling out of your way, as everything you need is just downstairs.

If classes are more your thing, then look no further. With a range of different times, it couldn't be easier to fit one or two into your busy work schedule. Get your heart pumping with options including Boxing, TRX & Kettlebell, Spinning class, Bootcamp or Pump it up.

Personal trainer Nik Mirkhadivi has group or one-on-one private sessions as well as personalised PT and diet packages for those looking to go the extra mile. There's also a GreenGate Active Kids clubs for ages 6-12 and 12-16.

Train as much as your body can be trained!

Package 1

Enjoy our top 5 popular classes as many times as you want, all week long. There's a maximum of 8 to 10 participants per class, so be sure to book in advance! Visit the App for class timetables .

£50 for 5 weeks

Package 2

Enjoy our top 5 popular classes as many times as you want, all week long and if work or plans might get in the way and you can't always make a class you have 10 weeks rather than 5 to redeem.

£100 for 10 weeks

One to one personal training

Tailored training programme - includes a free consultation and detailed meal plan from an advanced nutritionist

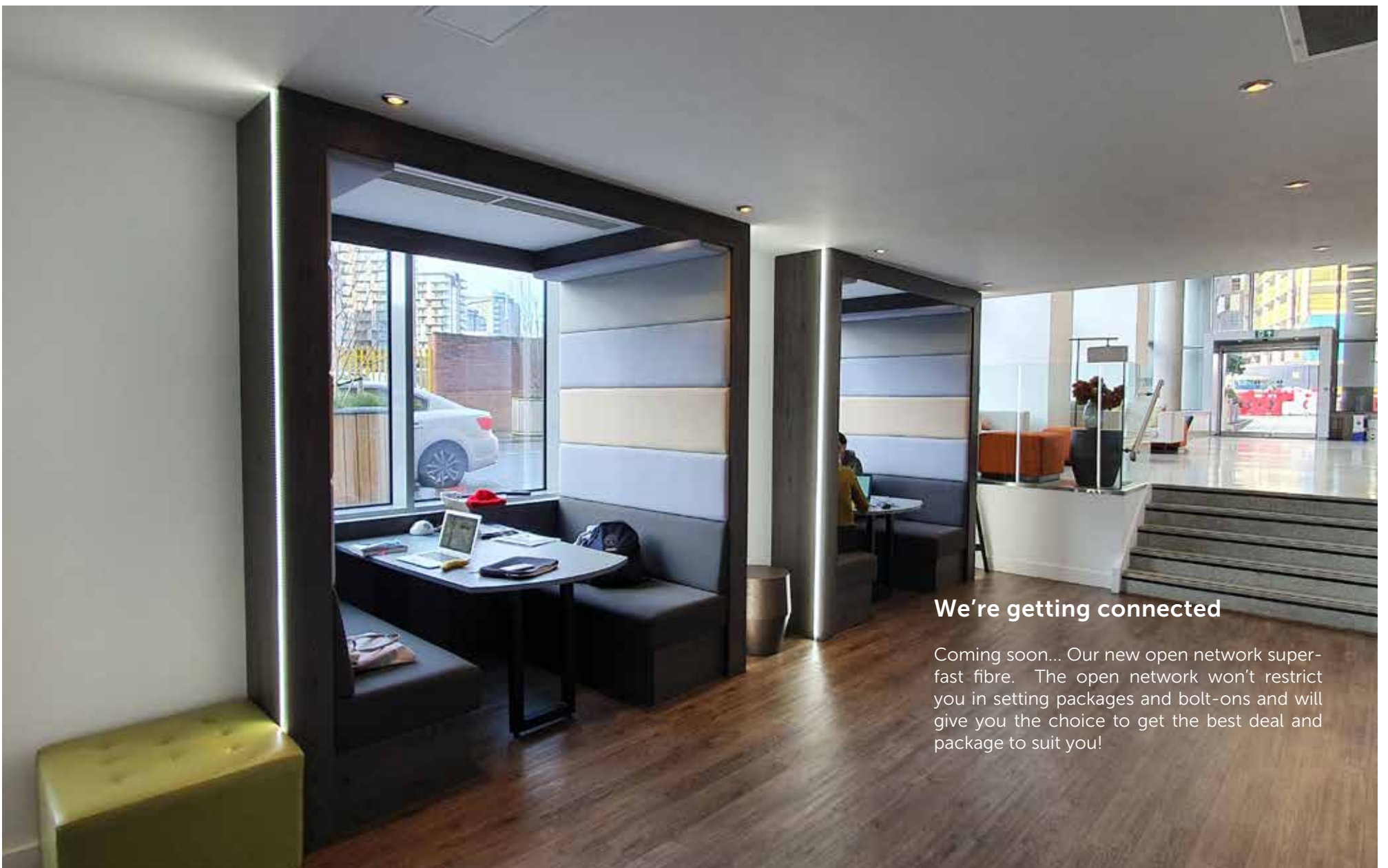
3 training sessions per week - £45 per session.

Training and diet programme - includes one-hour free consultation and one-hour session for workout instruction with tailored training programme to meet individual needs, meal plan and professional support.

This programme lasts 4 weeks - £50 per session.

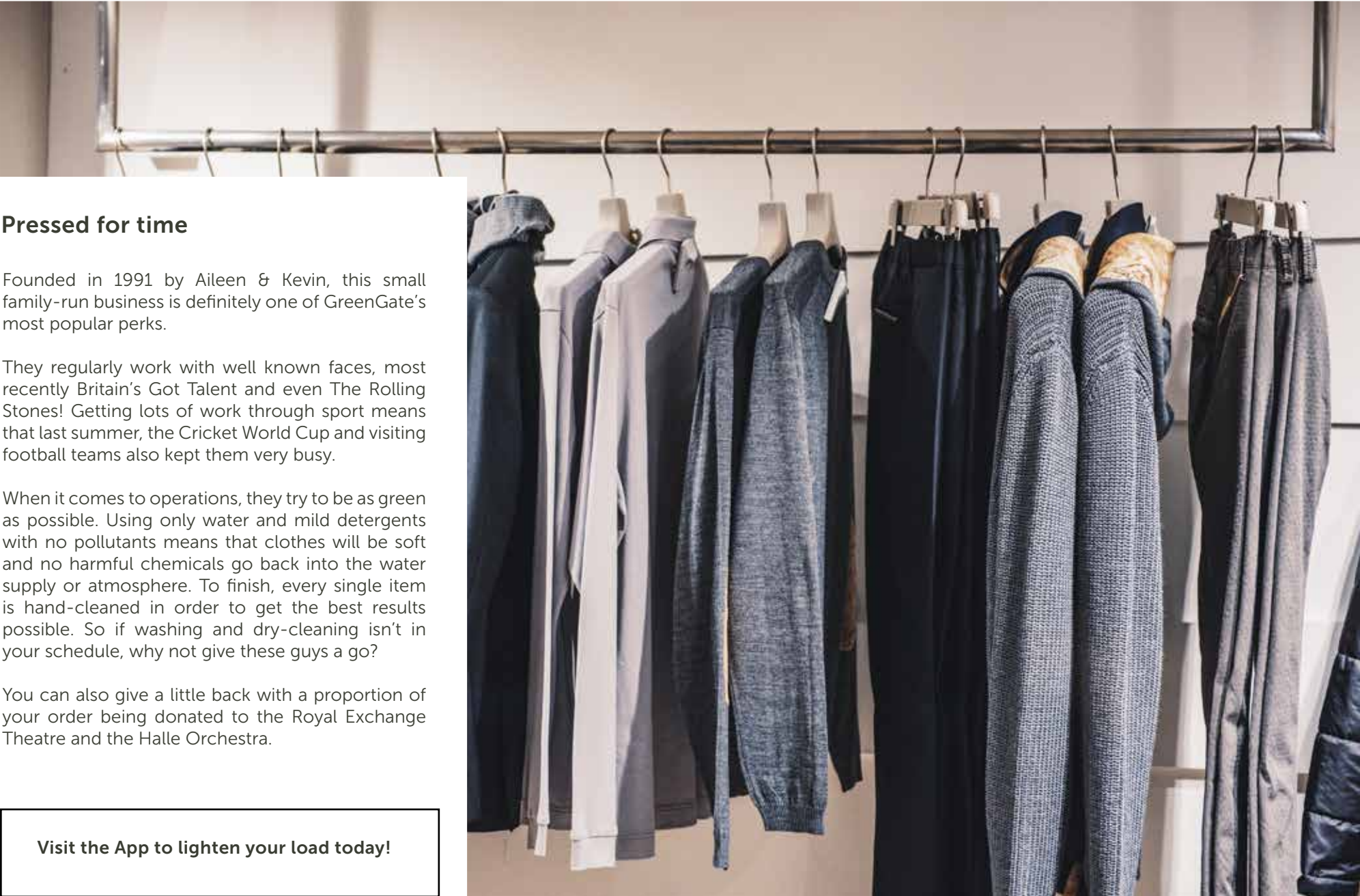
Visit the App for more information and to sign up!

MARCH – JUNE



We're getting connected

Coming soon... Our new open network super-fast fibre. The open network won't restrict you in setting packages and bolt-ons and will give you the choice to get the best deal and package to suit you!



Pressed for time

Founded in 1991 by Aileen & Kevin, this small family-run business is definitely one of GreenGate’s most popular perks.

They regularly work with well known faces, most recently Britain’s Got Talent and even The Rolling Stones! Getting lots of work through sport means that last summer, the Cricket World Cup and visiting football teams also kept them very busy.

When it comes to operations, they try to be as green as possible. Using only water and mild detergents with no pollutants means that clothes will be soft and no harmful chemicals go back into the water supply or atmosphere. To finish, every single item is hand-cleaned in order to get the best results possible. So if washing and dry-cleaning isn’t in your schedule, why not give these guys a go?

You can also give a little back with a proportion of your order being donated to the Royal Exchange Theatre and the Halle Orchestra.

Visit the App to lighten your load today!

Doggy day care

Do you always feel bad about leaving your furry friends at home alone all day while you go to work? Here at GreenGate, there’s no need to worry about that. Founded three years ago by Scott Fells, Simply Pooch is a professional dog walking agency that’s passionate about all kinds of dogs, big or small.

Taking the dogs to the bigger parks around Manchester and Salford, Simply Pooch goes the extra mile to ensure your dogs at GreenGate are getting all the exercise and play time that they need in a safe environment. With regular posts on their Instagram, you can always check on them and watch as they have a blast!

Dog Walking - 1 hour group walk - £10

Whether it’s professional commitments, busy school schedules or mini breaks, it can be hard to find time to give our four-legged friends the attention and exercise they need. Local dog walkers will pick up your pooch from your address or any other pre-agreed destination and make sure they get the exercise.

Puppy Visit - £8

Got a new puppy or thinking of getting a new puppy? Just like children it’s crucial to get the first part of a puppy’s life right. Puppies need to be socialised with as many dogs and people as possible to help ensure they live a happy and healthy life.

Once they’ve had their vaccinations and the all-clear from the vet, they can go outside and start exploring the world. Our 15 minute puppy visits are ideal for puppies that can’t go outside just yet when you have other commitments.

Pet Taxi Services - £10

Pet Taxi Service is perfect if you don’t have the time to take your pet to the vets, groomers or even the grandparents house. Limitations apply.

Visit the App for more information and to sign up today!



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Minutes with...

Romesh Ranganathan

As plaudits go, it's a pretty impressive one – although given Romesh Ranganathan's deadpan response to most subjects, it could also have the slightest hint of damning with faint praise.

Being voted by The Guardian as the 17th best comedian of the 21st century sounds like a CV shoe-in.

But then Romesh isn't exactly short on good critical feedback right now, whether it's for multiple TV stints, his memoir *Straight Outta Crawley*, or his award-winning podcast, *Hip Hop Saved My Life*.

At 41, the former maths teacher is having a moment.

After racking up presenting credits on *The Ranganation*, *Judge Romesh*, and *The Misadventures Of Romesh Ranganathan*, and as a panelist on Sky One's *A League of Their Own*, he's heading out across the UK with a new live show *The Cynic's Mixtape*.

A 20-venue tour brings him to The Plaza Stockport with a show which promises to be his most brutally honest yet, offering his own unique perspective on the world.

Ahead of the date, GreenGate Life posed a few questions to find out more ...





You seem to like to take a different view of things to some (maybe most) people – is that a deliberate contrariness?

I enjoy puncturing the common point of view. Sometimes I agree with it but often the common acceptance of certain things is based on facts that I find irritating, so I undermine that and say things, not simply to be provocative but because I like the reaction to them. When I start performing material for the first time, that's when I might offend people or push it too far because I perhaps haven't expressed what is definitely a good idea elegantly enough. But I never write something and think, I can't do that because I don't want to get into trouble for it. I tend to just write what I think and I'm guided by the laughs.

As well as a little provocation, what can people expect from The Cynic's Mixtape?

The show is divided into two distinct parts. The first is looking at different issues such as the environment, a bit about the Liam Neeson thing (last Feb the actor faced a backlash for admitting he stalked the streets in the hope of coming across a black b*****d to kill after the rape of a friend) and how people respond on social media to the death of celebrities which is something I find quite weird. I remember sitting with a friend when Whitney Houston died and he was agonising about what he was going to post online. I said, 'you don't have to worry about that, it's not your business, the world is not waiting to hear what you're going to say.' People end up making these events about themselves.

You're a dad of three, do you include any material about your family?

I do some about my relationship with my wife and my children, and about me fretting about my own existence. I got a medical when I turned 40 because I started to worry about my own mortality, not for myself but in terms of my kids. Before, when I was going to the gym or staying on top of fitness, I'd do it for some sort of vanity reason. I've long since abandoned that and accepted that I'm not going to look good, so the second half of the show is about

my reaction to that medical. My wife and I are very happily married but we've got to the point where we're very set in our ways a bit. That's the nub of it.

Are your kids allowed to watch you on TV?

When I did The Misadventures of Romesh Ranganathan for BBC Two they were interested in the places I had gone to and my wife thought actually this is one of the few things I have done that has any educational merit. So she watched it ahead and then would watch it with them with her finger on the fast-forward button because for a travel show I have a real inclination to drop the f-bomb, so she had to be mindful of that. They don't go anywhere near my stand-up.

You replaced Jack Whitehall on A League of Their Own, how is that for you?

I look forward to seeing the guys, obviously we've only seen James for a little bit because he's only doing two of them but it's nice to see Jamie and Freddie. The show is a proper laugh to do, except for the physical stuff, I hate that as much as I like everything else about it. With the joy of knowing that I'm doing League, is the horror of knowing that I will be repeatedly humiliated as a result of the lack of my basic physical fitness and coordination.

Fans love A League of Their Own, why do you think it's stayed so popular?

The studio challenges are some of the most incredible set-ups I've ever seen on any panel show and it's the characters of the show people love to see - Jamie and Freddie obviously and James but you're also seeing sports people outside of the environment you normally see them in. Last year we had Wladimir Klitschko being told by Jamie Redknapp that he sounds like the guy from the meercat advert - it's mental.

Romesh brings The Cynics Mixtape to The Plaza Stockport on Thursday April 9.

"I enjoy puncturing the common point of view..."



An Eventful Year

A round-up of last years residents socials



Supper Club



29 March



20 July



Summer Social





Hola Ontario



8 November



Winter Snow-cial



19 December

FESTIVAL FEVER

Nothing signals the start of summer like a sun-drenched music festival, and with Manchester's 2020 festival line-up looking stronger than ever. From large-scale concerts with internationally renowned artists, to vibrant street parties with new and emerging talent, we've rounded up some of our favourite festivals that you won't want to miss.



Parklife

13-14th June

Brought to you by the team behind Warehouse Project, there's no surprise this urban festival is the largest metropolitan music festival in the UK, taking over Heaton Park with an exciting programme of music, street food and entertainers on 13th & 14th June. With 2020 marking Parklife's 10-year anniversary, festival goers can expect it to be one of the best yet with a whole roster of music legends already being announced to perform including Fat Boy Slim, Hot Chip, Carl Cox, Skepta and Tyler, The Creator, Lewis Capaldi to name a few.



Gin and Rum Festival

27-28th March

Drink enthusiasts will rejoice with the news that the UK's largest Gin & Rum Festival tour is coming to Manchester to quench thirsts over two days in the stunning Manchester Cathedral. Whether you're thirsty for knowledge and on the hunt for the perfect serve, or just looking for a fun weekend activity to do with friends, this boozy festival offers free masterclasses from expert distillers, resident DJs, live entertainment, tasty street food and a buzzing atmosphere.



Manchester's King Street Festival

6-7th June

Taking place over two days on Manchester's stylish King Street, this highly-anticipated summer event will be brimming with all sorts of activities and entertainment for a glorious weekend. Celebrating King Street's rich history, festival goers can expect everything from al fresco dining in the great selection of bars and restaurants and pop-up cocktail bars to lawn games and free family-friendly activities. There will also be a whole array of live entertainment from a festival music stage with a talented line-up of artists and bands.

22nd May

Start your May bank holiday celebrations on a high with the 15th birthday of the award-winning Dot to Dot Festival. Showcasing an expansive line-up of the best emerging and established artists, this is one for the rock, indie and alternative music lovers, with the festival becoming famed for championing artists such as Foals, The Horrors and Wolf Alice. If you're on the hunt for the next big name in the music scene, this is the festival for you.



Sounds of the City

1-11th July

This huge festival brings the best artists from the world's of rock, indie and pop to the city every summer, taking place at the 8,000 capacity Castlefield Bowl. With confirmed headliners already including Foals, Lewis Capaldi, Kaiser Chiefs, The Streets and Hacienda Classical to name a few, it's no surprise Sounds of the City has established itself as a staple part of Manchester's music scene, and promises to be one of the city's most exciting summer events.

Manchester Pride Festival

28th-31st August

Taking place over four days of the August bank holiday weekend, this vibrant, internationally renowned festival will bring the city to life, stretching all the way from Mayfield to Deansgate with an unforgettable weekend of music, street food, live entertainment and much more. The roots of Manchester Pride and the festival will be at the world-famous Gay Village, where revellers can enjoy the ultimate street party celebrations with emerging and established DJs and incredible dance acts. Ariana Grande headlining the festival last year, party-goers can expect big things this year in what promises to be an amazing event.

Manchester Caribbean Carnival

8-9th August

This dazzling festival incorporates colourful costumes, hip-shaking beats, mouth-watering street food and an electric atmosphere. Each day Alexandra Park will be brimming with the best in Caribbean culture, with live music from leading DJs and Soca bands over three stages, a much-loved Soul Tent and African Corner, plus a whole variety of food and drink vendors, serving up Caribbean delicacies and punchy cocktails. This happy, family-friendly carnival is free and open to all, and promises the ultimate summer party.



GREENGATE MARKETING PARTNERS



The Oast House - Spinningfields

20% OFF FOOD BILL

Amidst the sprawling towers of Spinningfields, The Oast House is a truly curious sight. A place for workers from all walks of life to indulge in deli boards, rotisseries and the grill. Once home to hops and kilns, this old world pub is now a stockpile of the world's finest ales and beverages. And the only thing that's cultivated now is good times, because here in the heart of Spinningfields every day feels like a festival.

Terms & Conditions: To redeem show GreenGate app or Greengate keyring. Offer subject to change



Turtle Bay, Northern Quarter & Oxford Road

25% OFF FOOD ALL WEEK RATHER THAN RESTRICTED TO CERTAIN DAYS. PRESENT YOUR GREENGATE APP TO REDEEM

Inspired by beach shack & street vendors across the Caribbean islands, these great tasting dishes are perfect as a starter or for sharing with other small plates, side plates, and with mains

T&Cs: Please present your GreenGate App on arrival to confirm you are a resident. Offer only applies to the food bill, not valid with any other offer.



Thaikhun, Spinningfields

£5 COCKTAILS WITH ANY MAIN MEAL ON FRIDAYS
12-7PM

Street food is a way of life in Thailand. Thaikhun has taken its inspiration from the streets to transport the sights, smells and taste of Thailand to you. This is the first Thaikhun to hit the streets in the awesome Spinningfields area of Manchester. Escape out of the busy streets of Manchester and transport yourself to the streets of Thailand inside Thaikhun. With an open kitchen and bar area it's the perfect venue to relax and unwind!

How to redeem: Please present your GreenGate fob to receive discount. Available Sunday – Friday 12pm-7pm, no booking required.



Lunya

20% OFF FOOD SUNDAY - FRIDAY (EXCLUDING SATURDAYS AND SPECIAL EVENT DAYS) THIS OFFER CANNOT BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER OFFERS. ALSO 10% OFF IN THE DELI. TO REDEEM YOU NEED TO SHOW YOUR GREENGATE APP TO YOUR SERVER

Come and visit Lunya on Deansgate, just a five-minute walk from GreenGate. Located in the beautiful Victorian Barton Arcade, Lunya is a wonderful Catalan and Spanish restaurant, bar and deli with an amazing reputation for the highest quality artisan Spanish products. Lunya is completely independent and the owners, Elaine and Peter Kinsella, would love to welcome you there.

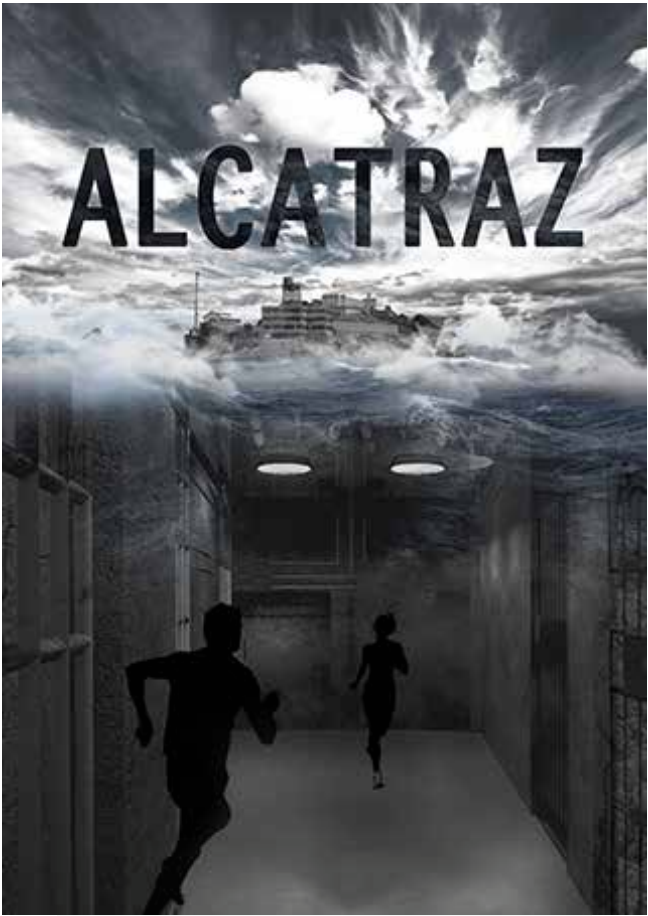
Hanging Ditch

10% OFF RETAIL TAKEAWAY PRODUCTS EVERY DAY AND 25% OFF TOTAL BILL* MONDAY-FRIDAY

Hanging Ditch independent wine merchants is just a stone's throw from GreenGate apartments next to the Cathedral and Harvey Nichols. Wines by the glass are available from a rotating selection or by the bottle for retail price plus a fixed £6 corkage. Locally roasted coffee, speciality teas, bottled beers and soft drinks are also available to sit in or takeaway.

How to redeem: Presentation of keyring on arrival

T&Cs: *This applies to drinks and food consumed on the premises and cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer. Maximum of 4 people per GreenGate resident. Subject to availability.



Escape Reality

10% OFF BOOKINGS AT ESCAPE REALITY

Escape Reality is a fully immersive escape room experience where you will have 60 minutes to escape from a room of your choice, selected from one of our 6 movie-themed rooms. Teams of 2-6 players will be faced with mysterious and challenging puzzles. You must use your initiative and problem-solving skills to decipher visual puzzles, complete sequence challenges and discover missing elements along with many other strategies created to prevent you from escaping easily. Redeem with the coupon code GREENGATE10.

T&Cs: This code entitles the recipient to book an Escape Reality Manchester game online, in-store or over the phone, at a 10% discount. Please note this discount is only valid at Escape Reality Manchester. This coupon code is not exchangeable for cash.



Ibérica

BUY A GLASS OF CAVA OR GIN & TONIC AND GET THE SECOND ONE FREE AT IBÉRICA'S DOWNSTAIRS BAR. AVAILABLE MONDAY TO FRIDAY

Looking for Spanish tapas, a glass of wine or a G&T in Manchester? Ibérica in Spinningfields is the place to go with a stunning bar, a restaurant and two outdoor terraces open all year round. From main dishes like paella to signature tapas, there's something for everyone's taste. Just drinking? Check out the bar menu for Spanish pinchos (tiny tapas) to nibble while you drink. Ibérica has over 50 different wines on the wine list, sourced from small boutique wineries in Spain giving you Spanish wines that can't be found anywhere else.

T&Cs: One free glass of cava when purchasing a glass of cava or one free G&T free when purchasing a G&T. Free cava or G&T will be the same as the one purchased. Limited to one per person per day with presentation of the GreenGate App. Not valid with any other offer, discount or promotion. Ibérica reserves the right to amend the terms and conditions or withdraw the offer at any time. Only valid at Ibérica in Spinningfields.

10 SPINNING- FIELDS

10 MINS WALK

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Situated in the heart of Manchester, Spinningfields is one of the city's most popular retail destinations for tourists and locals alike. Known for its wide range of high-end shops, dining hotspots and leisure offerings, there really is something for any special occasion, date night or leisurely day off. Here are a few top choices for those looking to explore the area ...



Australasia

This stylish, subterranean haven is hidden away under the heart of Manchester, entered via a glass pyramid, offering glamorous interiors and delectable small plates, ideal for celebrating a special occasion. Since opening in 2011, Australasia has become one of the city's most popular restaurants, inviting you to immerse yourself in the elegant surroundings and enjoy an extensive range of Japanese and Asian-inspired dishes, such as dim sum and fresh sushi. Australasia's bar also boasts a unique list of classic and exclusive cocktails, as well as an impressive wine list; the perfect start to a memorable night out in Manchester.



Tattu

Founded in 2015, Tattu has been turning the heads of tourists and locals ever since. Setting out to bring something unique and exciting to the UK culinary scene, this Spinningfields hotspot does just that. Offering an experience that stimulates all the senses, you can enjoy superior quality Chinese cooking in a visually-stunning setting. Embrace the customary approach of sharing small plates and tuck into favourites such as Crispy Pork Belly and fresh Chilli and Sesame Roasted Scallops, all of which can be washed down with an extensive list of exotic cocktails; if you're looking to impress, this is definitely the place to go.



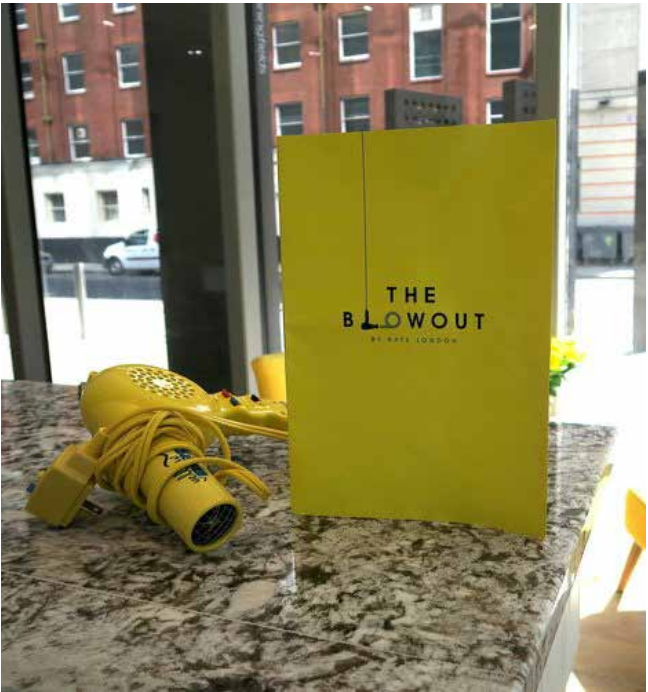


20 Stories

Situated on the 19th floor of No.1 Spinningfields, 20 Stories graces the Manchester skyline in a unique and beautiful fashion. With an unparalleled 360 view of the city, enjoy afternoon tea, lunch, dinner and cocktails in an urban oasis with unrivalled views. With a menu showcasing the best that the North West has to offer, highlights include Roasted Duck Breast with Confit Duck Patty and Glazed Baby Pear to sumptuous Tomahawk Steaks cooked over an open fire. On warmer days, why not venture out onto the terrace for an al-fresco dining experience, with sharing platters, drinks and bar nibbles on offer. Delicious!

Flannels

As one of the UK's leading luxury retailers, Flannels specialises in contemporary men's and women's designer clothing, footwear and accessories. Bringing first class service to Manchester's Spinningfields, it's definitely worth the visit (even just to browse). With an extensive range of popular brands including Gucci, Prada, Chloe and Burberry, there really is something for any fashion enthusiast looking to splash out. Be sure to keep an eye out for their new releases, to keep up with the latest collections straight off the runways.



The Blowout

Fancy something a little different than to just a regular wash and blow-dry? Look no further. Manchester's highly anticipated blow-dry bar, located on the ground floor of No.1 Spinningfields off Quay Street, transforms the typical hair styling experience into a relaxing day of pampering. Enjoy a glass of fizz on arrival with the option of a grand reveal at the end, and if you're looking for the whole package, professional make-up artist and manicure services are available to pre-book. Serious blow-dry addicts can even buy a bar tab for a monthly £100 fee, which saves on styling and products.



Mulberry

One of the most famous designer brands to come out of the UK, Mulberry has been a sensation on the runways since its debut in 1971. Gracing the streets of Manchester, its Spinningfields location offers locals and tourists a chance to pick up some beautiful leather goods such as shoes, sunglasses and of course, bags. With a range of accessories for both men and women, and with prices ranging from affordable to high end, everyone can have a little luxury in their lives.

David Wayman Flowers

As one of Manchester's leading boutique florists, David Wayman Flowers prides itself in creating the highest quality flower arrangements and bouquets in the area. Offering both Saturday & Sunday delivery, this floral hotspot is sure to brighten any space. With signature bouquets and weekly favourites for any occasion and budget, their creation's are sure to brighten up your day by popping in store and having a browse, or take your pick of the bunch for a floral treat or gift.



John Rylands Library

This late-Victorian neo-Gothic building is great to visit simply to take in its breathtaking interiors, or if you fancy some quiet time, why not grab a book and settle down in one of its many corners and crevices? The library also runs regular tours every Wednesday and Friday showcasing the amazing history of the building, no need to book, just show up at 3pm! Throughout the year, they also host regular events ranging from family activities to events associated with their exhibitions. More information about upcoming events can be found on their website.





"I love the perks here and that's one of the great things about GreenGate."

When Jayne McCarthy and her husband Neil were looking for the perfect city living home, they had a four-legged top priority ...

It had to be somewhere that Winnie, their toy poodle, loved just as much as they did.

"The main thing we had to consider when we were looking for somewhere was whether it was dog-friendly," says Jayne, "and as soon as we came to GreenGate it just ticked all the boxes, it was everything we were looking for.

"Now Winnie comes with us to everything, all the socials, and everyone knows her. She goes out with Scott the dog walker and she's got all her little doggie friends here. And we have an affinity with other people who have dogs too, we automatically have that in common, so I've never met so many people."

For Jayne and Neil, who works as a head of sales and marketing, moving to the city centre was something they'd been considering for a while.

"We've lived in different parts of the country, and up to Sept 2018 we were in Urmston for seven years.

"But city living was something we'd always talked about and then when our daughter Emily, who'd been studying law in Barcelona, came back living with us we thought, let's do it!

"We sold our house and decided to rent because we liked the freedom of not being tied to owning, and also we wanted to test the water. We don't know what we're going to need in the future, and we have a property in Spain we can go over to, so it's nice to have the flexibility to be able to split our time. It just suits us."

Jayne says friends thought they were brave to make the move into the city, but they fell in love with their two-bedroom apartment at first sight.

"We're on the 24th floor and I used to hate heights, but when we walked in it was like - wow. Now I just love the views, we see amazing sunrises and sunsets from our balcony, and I absolutely love being at the centre of everything.

"I was born in north Manchester but, even though we lived around the city for so long, we never used to go to the art galleries or the libraries or theatres but now we do and it's amazing, I love walking around and stopping, reading about the history of the city and seeing everything in a different light. It feels like we're in the heart of it all."

Jayne is currently having a career break, and says she loves spending time with Winnie and making the most of GreenGate's social spaces to meet friends.

"I've worked in payroll for the last eight years and I decided before Christmas that I was going to have some time off,"

she explains. "I do really appreciate it because I'm able to be with the dog more, do my yoga, and I'm looking at doing teacher training.

"I never feel alone, even if my husband's away and my daughter's doing her own thing, because if I haven't got any plans I can just go downstairs and get a coffee and have a chat with people.

"I love the perks here and that's one of the great things about GreenGate. I'm a people person and it's like having your neighbours back - years ago you knew all your neighbours but when you go to work in the dark and come home in the dark, especially in winter, you don't see people.

"You end up not knowing anyone and you lose that neighbourly feel but here has that wonderful community."

Jayne says that after thinking about a city centre home for so long, they've never regretted it.

"Moving here in September 2018 was such a good decision for us," she adds. "It's just a very friendly, happy place to be and we feel safe here. We've just taken on another contract because why not, why change something that works?"

"After all the different places we've lived, this is one of our happiest homes. It's a lovely time of our lives and we feel lucky that we're able to do this and appreciate and enjoy it."

