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The Event magazine poll received nominations for over 400 venues from 2,000 readers, with unique venues such as The Old Library dominating the top 20.

Situated in the heart of Digbeth and part of the popular Custard Factory complex, The Old Library was built in the 1850s and was one of only four free libraries in Birmingham. Fully refurbished in 2001, The Old Library is now a modern, versatile and unique events venue for up to 300 people.

Nick Morgan, events director at Big Cat Group and co-owner

of The Old Library, said: "We are really excited that The Old Library has been rated so highly by Event magazine readers. I think our success is a reflection of the growing popularity of unique spaces – those which offer a more flexible and personal solution for events of all sizes.

"The Old Library was also the only venue outside London to make the top 10, so we are delighted to be flying the flag for events venues in the Midlands."



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Birmingham Tours, run by Heart of England Blue Badge Guide Sue Behan, has introduced new walking and bus tours for 2009 to help visitors get the most out of their stay in the city.

Ghosts, Ghouls & Spooks – A Night on the Town! takes you on a trip from the heart of the city in Victoria Square to the chilling catacombs in the famous Jewellery Quarter, promising tales of plague, public execution, hauntings and murder most foul along the way.

The Big Brum Bonanza Walk starts at the mediaeval centre around St. Martin's Church and Bullring, following the timeline into Victorian Birmingham and the 21st century of Queen Elizabeth II. Taking in New Street, Victoria Square, Centenary Square, The ICC, Symphony Hall and Brindleyplace, the walk finishes at Gas Street Basin taking a look at the canal system which played a major role in the industrialisation of the city.

All of the special interest walking and bus tours offered by Birmingham Tours include something for everyone from art and architecture in the city to children's challenge walks and a Tolkien bus tour.

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