

THE COVENTRY GUIDE TO POST WAR ARCHITECTURE

The Festival of Britain Style



BELGRADE THEATRE
Ling, King and Beeton 1955-68.
The first municipal theatre built in England after the War, hidden within the arcade of shop fronts.



LEOFRIC HOTEL, BROADGATE
Hattrell and Partners 1948-54.
Originally the top hotel in Coventry, now student accommodation..



COVENTRY EVENING TELEGRAPH
LA Culliford & Partners 1956-60.
Gibson's arcading scheme along Corporation Street.
Note slight curve on both wings of the building.



SWIMMING BATHS
Ling & Gregory McLellan 1962-6.
Impressive main pool with a butterfly cantilevered roof, high glazing looking out onto the gardens.



CATHEDRAL OF ST. MICHAEL
Architect Sir Basil Spence Design Competition 1950. Construction commenced 1954 and consecrated in 1962.



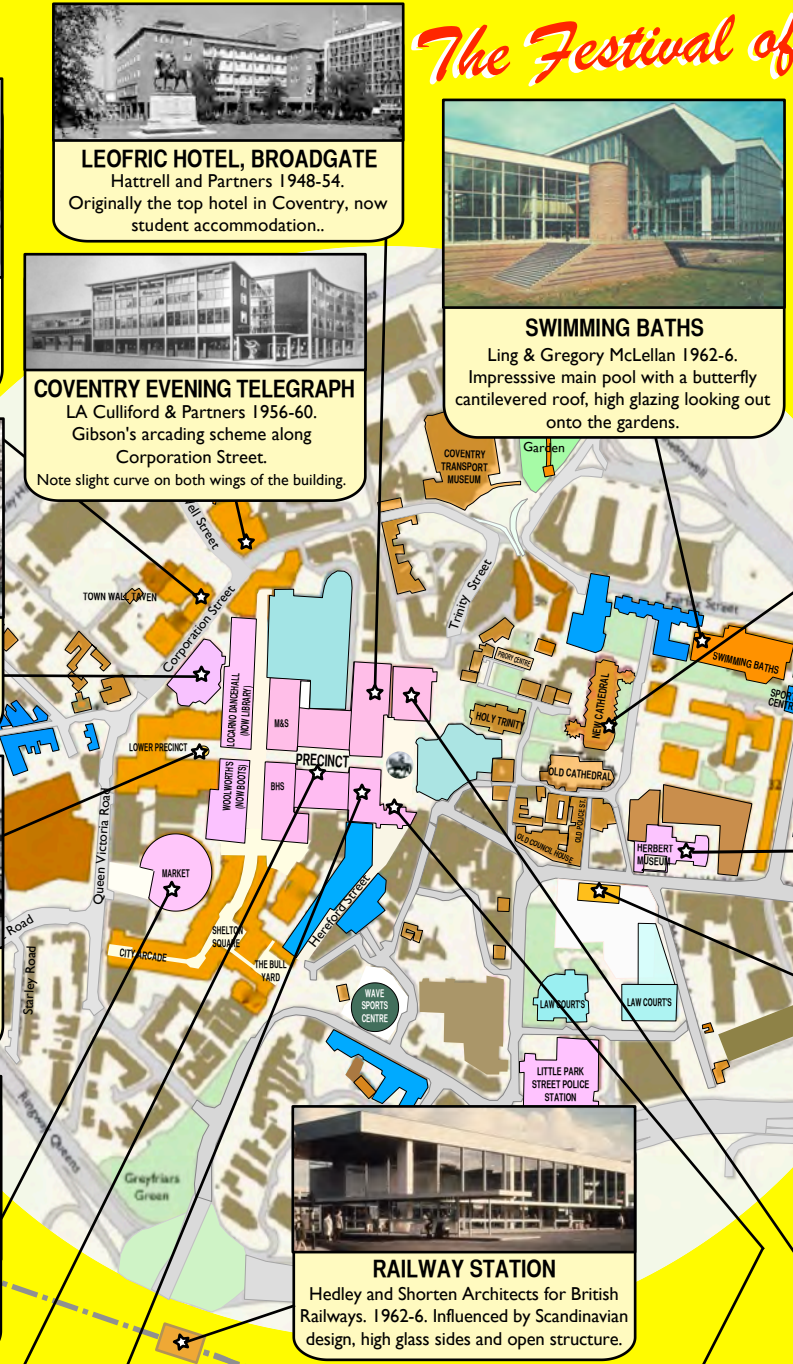
CO-OPERATIVE STORE
C. S. Hay CVWS Staff Architect 1954-6.
Early in the precinct re-building Gibson's design materials palette, similar to BHS, M&S and Woolworths.



LOWER PRECINCT
Ling and Coventry City Architects staff 1957-60. Completed after Donald Gibson City Architect had left the city.



CITY MARKET
Ling with Beaton & Bradley and Berry City Engineer. 1956-7. Doughnut shaped 200 stall market, roof car parking.



HERBERT ART GALLERY & MUSEUM
Herbert, Son & Sawday of Leicester 1954-60. In tune with Gibson's design materials, brickwork, windows and stone plus covered walkways.



CIVIC ARCHITECTURE & TOWN PLANNING
Sample materials were used in a number of places to see how they would stand the test of time.



RAILWAY STATION
Hedley and Shorten Architects for British Railways. 1962-6. Influenced by Scandinavian design, high glass sides and open structure.



OWEN OWEN STORE
(Now Primark).
R. Hellberg & Harris of Coventry 1952-4.
Early in precinct re-building Gibson's design materials, brickwork, walkways and a whimsical roof.



UPPER PRECINCT
Donald Gibson and Coventry City Architects Staff 1948-56. The first large pedestrian precinct in the UK.



BROADGATE HOUSE
Coventry City Architects, Gibson/Moate 1948-53. Gibson's design materials, offices, shops and arcading canopy covered walkway.



LADY GODIVA CLOCK & BRIDGE RESTAURANT
Coventry City Architects, Gibson/Moate 1948-53. There are many pieces of public art attached to all sides of the building.

- Chief Architect & Planner for each period of time of construction
- Buildings designed under Donald Gibson 1939 - 1955
- Buildings designed under Arthur Ling 1955 - 1964
- Buildings designed under Terence Gregory 1964 - 1973
- Buildings designed under Harry Noble 1973 - 1994
- Buildings designed since 1994

Look out for the - City Arcade, Shelton Square, the Bull Yard and Little Park Street Police Station.
Plus look out for all the public art - which is one of the defining things about this era. The involvement of the City Architects and Town Planning in the overall design of the city centre, either designing the buildings or specifying the overall shape and pallet of materials is amazing.