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Back to school in Brent

Welcome to the Autumn issue of *The Brent Magazine*.

This September, we're reflecting on Brent's GCSE and A-Level results – there are some fantastic stories of individual achievement on pages 30-32.

I remember receiving my own results and now I am going through it with my children; the feeling of opening that envelope with no idea what lies inside is like no other!

I was delighted to learn that our students in Brent achieved A-Level results that surpassed the national average and GCSE results that surpassed last year's national average (we await this year's national average figure). It's a real testament to the hard work our young people have put in and the tireless effort of our teachers, school staff and governors.

These results will open the door for our students to go onto sixth form and university. We wish them continued success in the future.

We have made great strides in the past two years with regards to our schools and we are well on the way to ensuring that our vision of every school in Brent to be judged by Ofsted as at least 'good' by September 2017, is achieved.

This figure has soared from 78 per cent in 2014 to 94 per cent currently. The level of success will spur us on to continue our hard work so that this success continues to benefit every child.

We also have an ambitious school building programme to respond to our growing young population in Brent. It is our aim for every child to have access to a good, local school place and receive the very best education: we are well on the way to achieving this – we will continue until this vision has been realised.

Councillor Muhammed Butt
Leader of Brent Council

News Update

Mela wows Wembley

Thousands of keen and cultured Londoners descended on Wembley Park in early September for the ZEE London Mela and experienced a day to remember.

From musical performances by international acts, including Imran Khan and Panjabi Hit Squad, to multi-sensory cooking experiences and shows combining circus, street theatre and dance, the Mela debut in Wembley included something for everyone.

Now in its 14th year, the London Mela, which had previously taken place in Ealing, is an established highlight in the capital's cultural calendar.

Cllr Parvez Ahmed, The Mayor of Brent, said: "With our diverse cultural heritage and exciting regeneration around Wembley Brent really was the perfect backdrop to host such a vibrant event, full of enjoyable entertainment for the whole family. It was a wonderful day and I'm thrilled that the event was so well supported by residents and local partners."

For more events in Brent, visit www.brent.gov.uk/events

£2 million regen for Kilburn business hub

Following the successful bid to win nearly £2 million from the GLA's London Regeneration Fund earlier this year, plans to create a new enterprise and community hub in South Kilburn were approved at Brent Council's Cabinet meeting in July.

The state-of-the-art new hub will help create new jobs, support start-up businesses and training. It will also provide a permanent home for the 30 businesses currently operating from the South Kilburn Studios, which is due to be redeveloped as part of the wider regeneration masterplan (see pages 51-53).

Cllr Roxanne Mashari Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Growth, Employment and Skills said: "Working with the South Kilburn Trust as lead partners, these plans will continue the high quality improvements we're currently making in the area, creating an environment which nurtures small businesses, and a vibrant local community."

Noisy neighbour fined for blasting music that shook the walls of Harlesden home

A noisy neighbour who blasted out music with a bassline that shook the walls has been ordered to pay £1,340.

Precious Watson, of Leopold Road Harlesden, made her neighbours lives a misery by playing loud music with a thumping bass, even after being asked repeatedly to turn it down.

Watson was summoned to court on August 2 for her hearing but failed to attend and in her absence the court found she was guilty of ignoring a Noise Nuisance Abatement Order.

The court heard how Watson, on three separate occasions, played music so loudly that it was preventing her neighbours from sleeping.

Cllr Michael Pavey, Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities, said: "The vast majority of residents love where they live but there remains a small minority of noisy neighbours whose selfish and thoughtless actions are making people's lives a misery. We will not tolerate such behaviour."

Biting back at loan sharks

Loan sharks won't find it as easy to target vulnerable people in Brent after an event in September to raise awareness about the signs and dangers of illegal money lending.

Simon Legg, Brent and Harrow Trading Standards Manager said: "Loan sharks target those who are struggling to get credit through legitimate sources and while they may seem friendly at first, many will later become intimidating, threatening or violent if payments are missed.

"This session was a great opportunity for those who may be on the radar of a loan shark to bite back by finding out how they operate."

If you want to report a loan shark, call 0300 5552222 or text 07860 022116.

Marcus Garvey bust unveiled in Brent library

A bust of political leader Marcus Garvey was unveiled on his birthday, 17 August, and will now remain on permanent display in Brent Museum at the Library at Willesden Green.

'Street level' services review

A review of the way in which we deliver some of our key public services – highways maintenance, waste cleansing and grounds maintenance, is now under way.

The review is being led by the Lead Member for Environment, Cllr Eleanor Southwood, and includes input from other ward councillors, with the aim of developing a wide-ranging plan to tackle consistent issues, and target our limited resources on the things that matter most to residents.

Cllr Southwood said: "We are looking at where current demand is, and will be focusing on the main issues of importance raised by residents, to make sure our services remain relevant and effective in meeting the needs of the borough. A central part of the exercise will be evaluating what is working well and where the consistent challenges lie, and what we can do to make sure we have the strongest structures in place to ensure good quality, sustainable services for residents going forward."

This review is intended to be focused and concise, and we expect to have the outcomes in late autumn this year.

FA-b start to Brent footy season

Young players, coaches and volunteers from Brent Schools Football Association, supported by a crowd of proud parents, met at Capital City Academy in Willesden to celebrate the achievements of 2015-16.

Now that the new season has kicked off, why not get involved? Sign your child up to play or perhaps volunteer your own time.

Contact chris@hpqgroup.com to find out more.

The Kilburn Kid becomes Britain's most successful Olympian

Kilburn's very own Sir Bradley Wiggins has made history after becoming the British athlete with the most Olympic medals ever – five gold, one silver and two bronze.

His final gold came in an historic Olympics for Team GB in Rio which saw them second in the medal table in front of third-place, China. The Kilburn boy says he will now wind down his illustrious career with a handful of races around Europe before retiring.

Brexit vote: EU workers reassured

Local business and council leaders have come together to reassure EU workers and international investors in West London following the Brexit referendum result.

Across the UK, nearly 52 per cent of people voted to leave the European Union (EU) while in London and Brent the majority wanted to remain. 72,523 Brent residents voted for the UK to remain in the EU, while 48,881 voted to leave.

In the immediate aftermath, the vote to leave caused turbulence in stock markets across the world and saw the pound plummet against major currencies while also prompting fears for workers and families from Europe.

Brent has vowed to work closely with local businesses, the public sector and local communities after the result.

Cllr Muhammed Butt, Leader of Brent Council, said: "Brent is the most diverse place in the UK and a place where people from all over the world come together to work, live and play.

"My message to our neighbours and co-workers who are EU citizens and also to investors and employers in West London is not to panic. In the short term, European nationals will continue to enjoy the same rights as they have now and any

changes will be publicised well in advance."

Andrew Dakers, Chief Executive of West London Business, said: "West London remains one of the best places in the world to do business. We have a highly skilled workforce and are also home to some of the UK's leading entrepreneurs and higher education institutions."

For more visit www.brent.gov.uk/business

Subletting council tenant guilty of fraud

A student who illegally sublet her Stonebridge flat while studying and working in Bristol has had the book thrown at her in court.

Kusheema Nurse did not tell Brent Housing Partnership (BHP) that she had moved out of her council flat after gaining a place at UWE to study Law.

She had been given the one bedroom flat in August 2010 – two months after secretly starting a part-time job 120 miles away in Bristol.

Cllr Harbi Farah, Brent Council's Lead Member for Housing, said: "Subletting social housing isn't just selfish – it's illegal."

Anyone who suspects council tenants of committing fraud should contact the council on investigations@brent.gov.uk

Can we build it? Yes, we Khan!

Mayor of London Sadiq Khan was in Brent over the summer to see first-hand the work being done in the borough to provide much-needed new homes for Londoners.

Mr Khan, who was hosted by Cllr Muhammed Butt, Leader of Brent Council, Angus Dodd, CEO of Quintain, and Helen Evans of Network homes, took a tour of a recently completed housing block in South Kilburn before taking a tour of the Wembley housing zone.

Brent is exceeding housebuilding targets with more than 5,000 new homes built in the borough over the last five years, with 45 per cent affordable. Targets have since been increased with the aim now to build at least 15,000 over the next ten years. Mr Khan said: "It was great to meet residents moving into this new neighbourhood in South Kilburn today and encouraging to see boroughs like Brent pushing their housebuilding targets and providing more affordable homes for Londoners to buy and rent.

Le Grand Tour de Brent

Taking advantage of the summer sunshine a group of 50 children, teachers and parents took in some of Brent's sights on two wheels

over the summer. The 12km route included Roundwood Park, Willesden Sport Centre, Tiverton Green, Brondesbury, Dollis Hill and Gladstone Park.

Jubilee line night tube services from October

The first night tube service on the Jubilee line will start from Friday 7 October.

Queensbury, Kingsbury, Neasden, Dollis Hill, Willesden Green and Kilburn all sit on the Jubilee line, which runs through Brent into central London and out east to Stratford, meaning travel to key attractions such as the O2 and Wembley Stadium will be more accessible later into the night.

Services are now running on the Central and Victoria lines, with more than 100,000 people using the inaugural night tube.

Happy 80th birthday, Kingsbury Synagogue!

The Mayor of Brent Cllr Parvez Ahmed, and the Chief Rabbi, Ephraim Mirvis, celebrated the 80th anniversary of Kingsbury Synagogue, along with other distinguished guests and members of the Jewish community last month.

Wembley woman nominated for diversity award

Wembley resident Dianne Campbell, who is living with dementia, has been shortlisted for the 'Positive Role Model' award at the National Diversity Awards 2016.

Speaking about her nomination Dianne said: "I am honoured to be shortlisted for this award. I already feel like a winner just being nominated. I am taking every opportunity to raise awareness and show people that you can live well with dementia if we look after each other."

Charlotte Curran, who works alongside Dianne at CAD Brent and nominated her said: "We are extremely proud of Dianne. The nomination acknowledges the work Dianne and CAD Brent do to help support people living with dementia in the Brent community."

The National Diversity Awards provides recognition for excellence regardless of race, faith, religion, gender, identity, sexual orientation, age, disability and culture.

CAD Brent in partnership with Ashford Place is setting up a new project. They want people living with memory loss or dementia of all ages and different cultures in Brent to come and help.

Please ring Clementine on 020 8208 8590 or email clementine.femiola@ashfordplace.org.uk to find out more.

Chips are down for fast food near schools

A study of fast food restaurants closest to Brent schools has revealed worrying levels of fat and salt in portions of chips.

Childhood obesity is a concern in Brent with 24 per cent of Year 6 students classified as obese, compared to the UK average of 19 per cent.

In the fight against childhood obesity in Brent, a mystery shopper visited 23 local takeaways that were close to secondary schools and bought portions of chips to test the calorie, fat and salt levels.

Frying practices, chip cut, additional salt, oil type and packaging were also observed. 19 out of the 23 takeaways served chips with more than 500 calories, with four larger than 1000 calories, 50 per cent of an adult's recommended daily intake.

Four fast food shops salted the chips without asking the customer and another four served chips containing trans fats, with one portion sold containing three times an adult's maximum recommended intake.

Crime down 22 per cent, says Brent's top cop

Crime in Brent is decreasing at a faster rate than expected, latest figures reveal. The Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) gave the police in Brent a target of reducing crime across the borough by 20 per cent. They went beyond this target and reduced crime by 22.5 per cent.

Brent Borough Commander, Mick Gallagher, said: "Frankly, one incident of violent crime is one too many. What we do to address these incidents is extremely important in reassuring the public that we are doing all we can to keep them safe.

"It's very important to me that the police in Brent listen to residents' concerns and respond to them appropriately. For example, after much concern from the community, the police station in Kilburn will not now close."

"I am positive about the future; crime levels will continue to fall and the borough as a whole is becoming safer."

Cricklewood's new look

Cricklewood Railway Station has a dramatic new entrance thanks to a group of local volunteers.

The Thameslink station has undergone a makeover after 30 volunteers cleared up the station's overgrown bushes and planted a new bank of flowers and put in new signage as part of the initiative to improve the area.

Green fingers transform unloved allotments!

Neglected allotment sites got a helping hand from local community groups who created new flower beds in unloved areas which were attracting rubbish.

The participants, who created a welcoming and attractive area buzzing with life, were from The Challenge, a national charity that gets groups of 16 and 17 years olds to participate on the National Citizenship Scheme.

Charlotte King, 16, who worked on the Bovingdon Avenue allotment during the summer, said: "Our aim was to clear a small area of land within the allotment and transform it into a garden to attract bees as they are an essential aspect of pollinating plants. We planted various herbs and flowers that were bee-friendly. Even when working hard, everyone had great fun on the day and we were happy to have created such a pretty area to improve biodiversity."

More than 4,000 children sign up to reading challenge in Brent

Thousands of young bookworms signed up to the big friendly read which took place in Brent's libraries this summer. The challenge encouraged children to read a minimum of six books during the summer holiday while completing fun competitions and activities.

The chosen author for this year was Roald Dahl and with 4,000 youngsters taking part it means that 24,000 books will have been read during the six-week break.

To find out more about activities in local libraries visit www.brent.gov.uk/libraries

Open mic session speaks out on mental health issues in Brent

Lade Olugbemi welcomed The Mayor of Brent, Cllr Parvez Ahmad to an open mic session in the Civic Centre recently. The event was run by the NOUS organisation to raise awareness of mental health illness in the Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Communities.

Civic Centre 'Question Time' event

Community figures and local politicians will make up the panel for a 'Question Time' event to be held at Brent Civic Centre as part of Local Democracy Week next month.

Inspired by the popular BBC1 political television programme, the Brent Question Time event will adopt an identical format, with Dr Jonathan Carr-West, chief executive of the Local Government Information Unit (LGIU) looking to emulate David Dimbleby as chair of the panel. Local politicians, including Cllr Muhammed Butt, Leader of Brent Council, will be joined by community figures who will be announced later this month. As with the BBC1 show, residents will be asked to submit questions before the event. The event is set to be the highlight of a week of planned activities to mark European Local Democracy Week. A full list of events is available online at www.brent.gov.uk/LDW

The Brent Question Time event will take place on Wednesday 12 October, from 7-9pm in the Conference Hall of Brent Civic Centre. If you are interested in attending and would like to submit a question, please call Anne Kittappa on 020 8937 1234 or email her at Anne.Kittappa@brent.gov.uk

Kingsbury garage 'motors' to win at business awards

A family-owned garage in Kingsbury has been named Brent Business of the Year at the Federation of Small Business (FSB) London Awards 2016.

Russell Automotive Centre, managed by husband and wife team, Steve and Jane Russell, and based in the Kingsbury Trading Estate on Barningham Way, fended off fierce competition from businesses the 'Foot Comfort Centre' and 'Let's All Dance' to take the prize at the prestigious event, held in London St Pancras, on July 28.

The local garage, which provides car and van maintenance services, repairs and MOTs, was judged to have demonstrated outstanding initiative, boldness and imagination in enterprise, as well as sound management practices.

On receiving the award, Jane said: "We are absolutely thrilled to have been awarded Brent Business of the Year. We are proud to be part of the borough and look forward to future progression."

Rangeelu Gujarat a glorious success!

The biggest UK festival celebrating the best in Gujarati art, fashion, comedy, music and dance took place in Fryent Country Park last month.

Around 30,000 of people from all over the UK and beyond gathered over two days to experience a taste of West India in a unique event showcasing all aspects of Gujarati culture.

Hosted by various media personalities, including the BBC's Alpa Pandya and Planet Parle of YouTube fame, the Rangeelu Gujarat stage was graced with a range of performances from traditional folk dancing and modern contemporary dance to ghazals, Bollywood and Gujarati comedy. Visitors also enjoyed an impressive exhibition of Gujarati arts, craft and food.

For upcoming events in Brent turn to our What's On pages (pages 63-69) or visit www.brent.gov.uk/events

NEWS IN BRIEF

£2m road improvements under way

Work to improve the upkeep of roads and pavements around the borough is now well underway after the council agreed to boost its maintenance budget by an additional £2million. The cash boost means more is being done to reduce trip hazards and potentially damaging potholes. The life of roads and pavements is also being extended as the council is replacing broken concrete slabs with asphalt keeping the streets of Brent safe for all to use.

Blue badge fraudster must pay £380

A 45-year-old woman from Wembley has received a hefty fine of £380 and been ordered to carry out 120 hours of unpaid work after being convicted of using a stolen Blue Badge on three separate occasions.

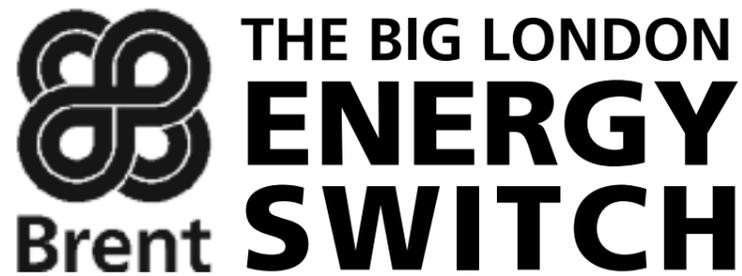
Improving rehab and reablement services in Brent

In October, Stars rehab and the Council's reablement team will merge to become a single service which will provide both health rehabilitation and social care reablement as one package of care. This new and improved service will support individuals who require short term, intensive assistance to help them achieve independence in daily living skills (washing, dressing, eating) and rehab exercise goals in their own home.

Head-phonies seized

BBC1's Fake Britain has been following the efforts of the council's trading standards team in tackling the sale of unsafe, counterfeit goods in the borough.

The film crew from the show, presented by Matt Allwright, accompanied the team on a raid tackling the alleged seller of fake, high-end branded headphones which were seized.



Want to save money on your gas and electricity bills?

"I know times are hard for many families in Brent. That's why I'm supporting this scheme. Register for free today and tell your friends and family about it."
– Brent Council leader, Muhammed Butt

Join thousands of Londoners who are signing up to get a better deal on their energy bills.

The average saving in the most recent auction was £236 per year – with 98 percent of people who registered able to save.

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Housing

Cutting the costs of keeping warm

When the dark and cold winter weather starts to close in, we shut the windows and reach for the thermostat to keep cosy

But many aren't lucky enough to have central heating and for those without the winter months can be very tough.

Bridie Crawford, 75, from Selwyn Road in Stonebridge spent 45 years without central heating in her home, before having a new central heating system installed for FREE in April this year.

"Before my new central heating was installed, I only had electric heaters to warm up my house," Bridie said. "Sometimes it got so cold that I had to use the gas hob just to keep the kitchen warm."

Bridie is one of the thousands of people across the UK who live below the fuel poverty line and cannot afford to keep their homes warm.

"The past two years have been really hard and stressful, and it's been really difficult to keep my head above water," Bridie said. "Having this new central heating system installed in my home has already made things so much more

comfortable, and will just make the world of difference this winter."

Bridie is one of 30 residents in Brent and Ealing to have brand new gas and central heating systems installed in their homes over the past 12 months, free of charge.

In Bridie's case, the scheme is expected to save her around £913 in heating costs per year.

"I used to dread the winter months but I'm almost looking forward to them now", said Bridie.

Cllr Muhammed Butt, Leader of Brent Council, visited Bridie to see the positive benefits of the scheme for himself.

He said: "I'm so pleased that by working in partnership with a range of agencies we have been able to begin installing free central heating in the homes of those residents who need it the most.

"Fuel poverty is a serious problem across the UK and one we are extremely mindful of here in Brent. The support we have been able to provide Mrs Crawford and other

residents in the borough, through the central heating fund, demonstrates the real difference a warm, dry home with affordable energy bills can make to someone's life."

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Cleaner and greener

Taking pride



Since launching on Valentine's Day, Brent's Love Where You Live campaign has gone from strength to strength

Whether it's been organising your own community clean-up, reporting illegally dumped rubbish or other unsightly problems on the Cleaner Brent app, or making the effort to recycle more –your actions are making a real difference in creating a place we can all be proud to call home.

In the space of six months, residents have been stepping up their efforts to recycle more, with a leap from 1,453 tonnes of waste being recycled to 1,799 – up 23 per cent from February 2016. The Cleaner Brent app has also been downloaded more than 1,750 times, and now allows you to report broken pavements and pot holes, meaning more can be done to keep Brent's streets safe, clean and green.

Play your part

Sudbury residents have been doing their bit to make their streets cleaner, greener and brighter thanks to the efforts of Sudbury Town Residents Association (STRA).

Renu Kaul, Vice-Chairman of STRA, has played a leading role in bringing together local residents, councillors, the neighbourhood police and Veolia to clean up the streets of Sudbury, and inform other residents in the area about what they can do to keep their streets and parks litter and rubbish free.

Renu said: "We can't put all the responsibility for keeping this borough clean on the council, as a community we need to take ownership.

"If we all work together we can make a real difference. These clean-up days are not just about picking the litter up from the streets, they are about inspiring members of the community to get involved and help make Brent a beautiful, clean place to live, and a place we can all enjoy and be proud of."

Despite the efforts of STRA and other community groups, Renu, like many other Brent residents, would like to see more members of the community getting involved to create a better borough.

It's cool to love where you live

Two community groups in Neasden, BTWSC and UK Unsigned Environmental, have come together to launch 'It's cool to love where you live', a competition to encourage young people in Brent to get creative and make some music to show why they love their local areas.

Awula Serwah, BTWSC Co-ordinator, helped to organise the project, which included a creative writing music workshop, where young adults were encouraged to write a song, rap or poem on the importance of keeping our local areas clean and green.

Awula said: "This competition is a great way of encouraging the younger generation to love and respect where they live, and getting the wider community on board in a fun and engaging way.

The winner will be given the opportunity to professionally record their entry, which will be released later this year.

"I've been so impressed with the imagination and creativity we've seen from everyone that's been involved. It's clear to see how proud everyone is to call Brent their home."

As The Brent Magazine went to press, the last contestant was stepping off the stage and the audience were getting ready to

crowd their winner at the showcase event in Neasden.

Visit our website to find out more about the winner and runners up, and keep your eyes and ears peeled for the release of the winning song soon. www.brent.gov.uk/news

Time's up for litterbugs in Brent

The fight against litterbugs is well underway. More than 1200 litterbugs have been fined within the first six weeks of placing dedicated patrol officers on the streets of Brent.

Kingdom officers have been deployed to hot spot areas in the borough with the purpose of issuing £80 Fixed Penalty Notices to anyone caught in the act of committing a waste offence, including littering, paan spitting and not cleaning up after their dogs.

Residents or visitors who do not pay the fine could end up in court, where they face the prospect of being named and shamed, and landed with a much heftier penalty.

This innovative 12 month pilot scheme has been put in place to help keep our streets clean and litter-free. The pilot scheme supports the efforts of our existing Enviro-crime Enforcement Team, who work tirelessly to investigate littering and illegally dumped rubbish offences and prosecute offenders.

Keep your garden in top shape with the garden waste service

More than 18,000 residents have now signed up for the second year of the garden waste service here in Brent.

If you would like help getting rid of your grass clippings, weeds and prunings, sign up by visiting www.brent.gov.uk/gardenwaste. The service will cost £20 for collections from October until March 2017, and you will receive a collection calendar detailing all your collection dates until March.

FIVE WAYS YOU CAN HELP MAKE BRENT CLEANER AND GREENER

1. Report illegally dumped rubbish on the Cleaner Brent smartphone app. Download the app at www.brent.gov.uk/cleanerbrent
2. Organise a community clean-up. Visit www.brent.gov.uk/cleanup or email recyclemore@brent.gov.uk to arrange or to take part in a clean-up in your area.
3. Recycle your waste. Find out more by downloading Recyclepedia, our smartphone app, or by visiting www.brent.gov.uk/recycling
4. Put your bins out on time. If you're unsure of your bin collection times, visit www.brent.gov.uk/recycling and enter your postcode into 'Find Your Collection Day'.
5. Report graffiti on the Cleaner Brent smartphone app.

You can find out more about the campaign at www.brent.gov.uk/lovewhereyoulive



Cleaner and greener

Recycling from your flat

Gone are the days when living in a block of flats meant that recycling your household items was complicated and frustrating. If you live in a flat, you will now have access to two communal recycling bins – one for food waste recycling and one for normal recycling - and you don't even have to worry about separating each recyclable item. Simple! For more information visit www.brent.gov.uk/recycling

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Recycleopedia

Wise up to waste with our new recycling app.

Recycling is now faster and easier with the new recycling app, Recycleopedia.

Recycleopedia has been developed to help residents of Brent recycle as much and as easily as possible. Whether you're at home, at work or out and about, Recycleopedia will show you what, how and where to recycle different items.

Using this new tool, you can search for any household item to find out exactly what you can and can't recycle, and which bins you should use. When an item can't be recycled at home, Recycleopedia will find the nearest recycling centre or charity shop in your local area, to help you recycle properly and keep Brent clean and green. It's that easy.

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1-on-1 with Harry Kane

Spurs are playing their Champions League fixtures at Wembley this season. England and Tottenham striker Harry Kane tells us more

What are you most looking forward to about playing at Wembley Stadium?

It's a great stadium, the national stadium and a big pitch that will suit our style of play and of course the more fans, the better.

Do you think the fans will enjoy watching you play at Wembley?

Yes, definitely. There will be even more Tottenham fans there, so that means it will be a special atmosphere. Hopefully we'll play well there, too.

What's it like walking out of the tunnel at Wembley Stadium?

It's amazing. It's normally a big occasion with England or a cup final and this time, it will be Champions League. It will be something different stepping out there for a 'normal' club game but something we're all looking forward to.

What's your most memorable moment playing at Wembley?

My England debut, scoring after 79 seconds, a moment I'll never forget.

Will it be strange playing in a Tottenham shirt instead of an England one?

Yes, a little. Most of us have done it in the League Cup Final (2015) and a few of us have played there regularly for England but I'm sure the lads will soon get used to it.

What is it about Wembley that is different to playing at other stadiums?

For a start, Wembley is a big, big stadium, obviously a lot bigger than we're used to playing in week in, week out. It's a nice, big pitch, great atmosphere and something we're all looking forward to.

What is your earliest memory of Wembley?

I remember going to watch England against Switzerland back in 2008. I think I was only 14 at the time. Jermaine Jenas scored and England won 2-1, so I was there to see a Spurs player score in an England win.

If you had to win one trophy only, which would it be?

I'd have to say the Premier League and Champions League are the two big prizes and to win the Champions League and therefore be crowned the best in Europe would be incredible.

How much are you looking forward to playing Champions League football this season?

I can't wait. You always want to test yourselves against the best teams in Europe and that's what the Champions League is all about.

How far do you think Spurs can go in the competition?

We've got a great side here and it's not about us just participating in it, we want to do well and progress. We'll give everything to go as far as possible.

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What does your heart beat for?

Let's get our heart rates up and show some love for the fantastic facilities, classes, clubs and open spaces in Brent

Just 30 minutes of activity a day is proven to have massive benefits to your health and the good news is there are hundreds of places and ways to get active in the borough.

'My heart beats for Brent' is a new campaign inspired by the many active residents who already demonstrate a real affection for the facilities, classes, parks, open spaces and clubs in Brent, and many of these activities are absolutely free!

Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing, said: "Whatever your age, there's strong scientific evidence that being physically active can help you lead a healthier and even happier life.

"People who do regular activity have a lower risk of many chronic diseases, such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes, stroke, and some cancers. Research shows that physical activity can also boost self-esteem, mood, sleep quality and energy, as well as reducing your risk of stress, depression, dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

"I try to exercise regularly and I can say that my heart beats for

Gladstone Park Run it also beats for 5-side football at Alperton Goals with my friends.

"I would encourage you to try and exercise somewhere you love for just 30 minutes a day and start seeing the benefits to not only your waistline but your health too."

Benefits of just 30 minutes exercise

By exercising for just half an hour a day, you can boost your cardiovascular endurance, regulate your cholesterol, improve your heart health, lower your blood pressure and burn calories to help you maintain your weight or shed a few pounds. Cardio workouts also have emotional well-being benefits. As you exercise, your body releases endorphins that can rapidly improve your mood and ease your stress.

Short of time? Even short bursts of activity offer benefits. For instance, if you can't fit in one 30-minute walk, try three 10-minute walks instead. What's most important is making regular physical activity part of your lifestyle.

Our heart beats for the daily mile

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Tell us what your heart beats for in Brent for your chance to win a FitBit.

To enter, simply get in touch with us on either Facebook (BrentCouncil) or Twitter (@Brent_Council) and use the hashtag #heartbeats.

Send us your pictures also. The winner will be revealed in the next edition of *The Brent Magazine* out in December.

Find out more at www.brent.gov.uk/heartbeats

MY HEART BEATS FOR
BRENT

Get your heart rates up at www.brent.gov.uk/heartbeats

Sports centres in Brent

There are many gyms and sport centres in Brent. Here's what the council run centres have to offer:

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- badminton
- gym
- swimming,
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- cricket
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- track

Vale Farm Sports Centre

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- track

Willesden Sports Centre

- football
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Outdoor gyms in Brent

- Barham Park
- Chalkhill Park
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- Neasden Recreation Ground

- Northwick Park
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- Roe Green Park
- Roundwood Park
- Tiverton Playing Field
- Woodcock Park

MY HEART BEATS FOR
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Success for Brent students

The results are in and Brent's A-Level and GCSE performance are up! We take a look at the overall picture in Brent and reflect on our visits to schools on the days our young people received their results.

Opening that envelope on results day is nerve-wracking; you're worried, excited and almost don't want to look at what's written on that piece of paper inside!

The Brent Magazine was there as some of our young people opened that envelope and there were some incredible stories of individual achievement, some of which are covered in this issue!

For example, **Efrem Tesfay** from Capital City Academy arrived in the UK less than two years ago, unaccompanied and speaking no English. Aged 15, he had spent the last four years of his life desperately seeking a safe place to live after leaving Eritrea at 11 years old.

His journey to the UK had been traumatic and dangerous at times; including trekking from Sudan to Libya through the Sahara Desert and seeking safe passage to Italy by boat. Thankfully, on arriving in the UK, Efrem was placed in foster care and was given the opportunity to enrol at Capital halfway through Year 10.

Efrem's results were 4As, 2Bs, 2Cs and 1D. What an achievement in less than two years! He dreams of being a surgeon one day and we have no doubt with his drive and determination he will achieve this.

Overall, the picture in Brent was very positive. Last year, the proportion of young people in Brent attaining five GCSE grades A*-C including English and Mathematics was 60 per cent. This year, that figure is six per cent.

This year's national average is not yet available, however, Brent has beaten last year's national average of 57 per cent. In terms of A-Levels this year, there was a four per cent increase in the number of A-Level exam entries in Brent.

However, despite this increase, Brent's pass rate increased to 99 per cent. This is two per cent higher than last year's results and, also, above the national average by nine per cent.

Leader of the Council, Cllr Muhammed Butt, said: "It's a shame we couldn't cover every single

individual GCSE and A-Level achievement here because there have been so many. Our young people in Brent should be very proud of themselves. We will

continue working hard to make sure every young person in Brent has the opportunity to receive a fantastic education in a good local school."

A-level success

Inês Tomazinho (20), originally from Portugal, moved to Brent in 2012 and lives in Willesden Green.

She studied BTEC Health and Social Care and BTEC Applied Science along with A-level Portuguese at Capital City Academy and achieved a distinction. Inês is looking forward to starting university and is studying a BSc honours in Child Nursing (Bsc).

An active member of the community Inês regularly volunteers with St. John's Ambulance as a Trainee First Aider and helps Capital City students who are new to the UK with school life and homework and has even acted as a translator (Inês speaks four languages).

Inês said: "I find volunteer work very rewarding. I love making a

positive contribution to other people's lives. I want to urge all young people to work hard and to fight for their dreams. It does not matter whether you are new to Brent or born here, dreams and goals will always be dreams and goals.

Rasheed (19) from Queens Park got two B's and a C and is off to Loughborough University to study Air Transport Management.

Rasheed is training to be a pilot and got two RAF flying scholarships (Fleet Air Arm and Air League). TBM salutes you. Well done!

Eimantas who is Lithuanian and been in Brent for 11 years got an A* in Maths, A in further maths and a D in geography.

GCSE success

*"I was really nervous when I was opening my results but I got 7 A*s, 2 As and 1B. I'm so happy! I'm going to study maths, physics, law and history at A Level and then hopefully Law at uni!"*
Bilal Ahmadzai

"Last week, I was getting stressed thinking that the results are only a week away. This morning too, I was really stressed. But opening the envelope and seeing what I got was an indescribable feeling."
Ajay Patel

*"The 25th August when we received our results was also National Burger Day! I got 2 A*s, 5 As and 2 Bs so I'm really happy! Me and friends celebrated by going for a burger!"*
Elizabeta Ranxburgaj

"I'm really proud of the B I got in French as I'd failed the test paper earlier in the year."
Veronika Liptaka

"I'm so relieved that my results were good! I'm going to enrol in the sixth form now!"
Ifrah Yusuf

*"I got 5 A*s and 5 As! I'm so glad I've done well! Next year I'm going to study music, biochemistry and maths."*
Videshika Nammuni Arachchge

"I couldn't wait to celebrate my results with my family – I got 1 A, 7 As and 2 Bs! I'll be studying maths, chemistry, biology and economics next year."*
Faisal Sardary

APPLY ON TIME FOR SCHOOL!

It's that time of year where parents and guardians will need to think about applying for their child's school place. To apply, visit www.brent.gov.uk/admissions

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Housing

House raiders

Rogue landlords are being taken down one raid at a time by Brent Council. They thought they'd seen it all until this house was raided...

No one in modern Britain should have to live in conditions like this and thanks to the work of Brent Council's Private Housing team, more and more rogue landlords are paying the price for forcing their tenants to live in squalor.

After visiting some of Brent's worst properties, council housing officers thought they had seen it all – overcrowding, pest infestations, terrible fire hazards and 'beds in sheds' – but a recent raid on a house in Wembley uncovered conditions so bad that they were described as "a new low – something you'd see in a Hollywood depiction of a shanty town".

The raid found 31 people packed into a four bedroom house on Napier Road, including one person in a garden shack made from wood offcuts and tarpaulins. It's thought that the landlord was earning around £100,000 a year in rent due to the huge number of people crammed into the house.

Shocking scenes like this are thankfully a rarity as the vast majority of landlords are law

abiding. More than 5,600 of them have signed up to Brent Council's licencing scheme, which is raising standards in private housing throughout the borough. But the council is now relentlessly targeting its sights on the minority of unscrupulous landlords who think they can ignore the need for a licence and prioritise a quick buck over their tenants' safety.

Cllr Harbi Farah, Brent Council's Cabinet Member for Housing, said: "Since the start of this year, we have ramped up our enforcement activity significantly with 34 prosecutions so far and many more expected in the coming months.

"With unlimited fines, criminal records and prison sentences all options open to them, local magistrates have also shown that they will throw the book at the worst offenders."

Most private landlords in Brent are legally required to obtain a licence from the council. You can find out more at www.brent.gov.uk/prslicensing

THE STORY SO FAR IN 2016

- 98 raids on unlicensed properties
- 34 rogue landlords prosecuted
- £220,000 in fines
- Four month prison sentence for one landlord

FINED!

Cricklewood landlord Paul Fenton is £18,000 worse off and has a criminal record after refusing his tenants' pleas to repair his flat, leaving it with such severe damp that the magistrate said it was "not fit to live in."

If you'd like to report an overcrowded or nuisance property in Brent, you can do so anonymously at www.brent.gov.uk/reportaproperty

JAILED!

Rehan Sheikh of Manor Drive in Wembley falsely told a court that his tenants were squatters, then assaulted them and gave them just two hours to move out. He got four months imprisonment and had to pay £20,000.

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Living Wage boost

Local businesses are joining the Living Wage revolution in Brent, promising a fair wage of £9.40 per hour

The Living Wage community keeps on growing locally with many new companies joining Brent Council in becoming accredited Living Wage employers. The Convent of Jesus and Mary Language College in Willesden is the latest organisation to sign up.

“Receiving the London Living Wage accreditation shows we’re determined to support all our staff, no matter what their role. It sends a message to our students that everyone has the right to a good standard of living; a message we hope they take forward through the rest of their lives,” said Headteacher Mrs Geraldine Freear.

Home Instead Senior Care in Wembley is the first care home to be accredited in Brent. Director Leena Lakhani told *The Brent Magazine* why she decided to pay the Living Wage: “The cost of living is very expensive in London and I feel uncomfortable thinking my employees could be struggling to manage costs. I know if you look after and appreciate your colleagues, they will look after you and our clients. By paying well, I

hope to recruit high quality people and therefore provide a high quality service.”

Cllr Mashari, Brent Council’s Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Growth, Employment and Skills, said: “The Living Wage ensures employees are able to maintain at least a basic standard of living, and is proven to reduce sick leave and increase productivity, which in turn helps businesses. Brent Council will continue to support the campaign, and help more Brent businesses receive their accreditation.”

Whilst more local companies are becoming accredited, there are still more to go. You can help by prioritising Living Wage organisations when you shop or use services, and congratulate these businesses on their accreditation. For those who don’t pay the Living Wage, remind them that the Council offer a discount on their business rates if they become accredited.

We will be celebrating Living Wage Week in November with events and activities, so keep your eyes open for more information coming soon!

Earn money while studying with a Brent Works apprenticeship

As well as helping improve your job prospects with its living wage campaign, the council is also helping young people earn money while studying with a Brent Works apprenticeship.

Brent Works’ apprenticeship service helps those aged 16-24 years old take their first steps into work. The service works directly with local employers, to help ensure Brent’s workforce continues to thrive.

Apprenticeships allow young people to study for a nationally recognised qualification while gaining experience and a salary. Brent Works is a free service which helps local young people find the right opportunities, and ensures businesses have the right person for

their needs. Brent Works have recruited apprentices for Sufra Food Bank, Unison and the NHS.

“Creating more opportunities for young people in Brent to find a career is crucial. Brent Works is a vital service that brings together employers and young people to solidify careers and the stability of Brent business. By nurturing talent, we are nurturing local business,” explained Cllr Mashari.

If you are interested in an apprenticeship, contact the Brent Works team today on **020 8903 6823** or email **brent.works@brent.gov.uk**



What's on

Fireworks to light up Wembley Park

As Brent's annual fireworks spectacular moves to Wembley Park, *The Brent Magazine* caught up with Brian Marshall, the man behind the 'oohs' and the 'aahs' this summer

Expect the wow factor and one of London's greatest choreographed displays. Yes, expect to be wowed, I don't want to give too much away, but choreography is my passion and I love putting fireworks to music. We are going for maximum effect, extreme accuracy and a competition style display," says Brian Marshall, MD of Fuse Fireworks.

By his own admission, Brian 'lives and breathes fireworks' and says that this year is going to be bigger than ever. Brian has not always been in the fireworks industry – in fact, he started life as a firefighter!

"Believe it or not, I spent 25 years as a firefighter and I got into the business in 2000. It's a funny story and it may sound like a bit of a cliché, but my first display ever was at my local village fair in Blyth. They asked me to help out as they wanted my expertise as a firefighter, and I kind of ended up doing the whole display. It has snowballed since then. Now we do three major shows a year in London,

two in Alexandra Palace and now in Wembley Park."

However, it's not all pairing fireworks with soundtracks, displays of this size take a lot of preparation; explaining what goes into the process, he said: "Loads of planning, it takes me 30 hours to design and 100 man hours to implement and then on the day there is a crew of 12 qualified pyrotechnicians on the ground. The Wembley Park fireworks display will have a lot of single shots and slices which are quick, so when it comes to the day many of the effects will already be pre-rigged on equipment that looks like a giant hedgehog. These will hold 50 fireworks and will plug into a single socket. So it will be big, bold and seriously exciting!"

Brian doesn't do things by half and if his world record attempt is anything to go by, it is set to be a display like no other.

"I took part in a successful world record event that saw 60,000

rockets being launched at the same time in Plymouth. That was an incredible experience and a day I will never forget." The Wembley Park fireworks won't be quite on that scale, but promises to be an exciting family event.

The fun and free event will bring together great street food, vibrant performances and an exciting fireworks display set to a top-secret soundtrack.

This year's display will be held in Wembley Park on Sunday 6 November.

For more information about the display, visit www.brent.gov.uk/fireworks



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If you know of, or are caring for a child who is being privately fostered please let us know.

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Social issues

Calling all Empty Nesters

Brent Fostering NEEDS you! If your own children have grown up, and you have space in your home, why not consider fostering? In Brent we need foster carers from all walks of life and we value carers who have plenty of life experience.

Do something amazing today and foster for Brent.

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In Brent, we have several children in need of long-term placements. We need families who can provide long-term stability and commitment.

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CASE STUDY – CONNOR

Connor is a nine-year-old boy of Black Caribbean heritage. He has been placed in the care of the local authority since 2012 due to parental substance misuse and domestic violence.

Connor is a lively, inquisitive and chatty little boy. He is playful and can be boisterous at times with his peers like any other child. Connor can struggle to regulate his emotions, however he has a very loving nature and as he historically lacked affection, he seeks it from his main caregiver and likes to take care of those around him. He enjoys playing sports, in particular football and has been recognised for his talent and skill in this area. His favourite team is Manchester United and favourite colour is orange. He also enjoys swimming, playing with gadgets and drawing.

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CARE AND SUPPORT WORKERS NEEDED

Interested in a career as a care and support worker in Brent? Then Brent's new Personal Assistant (PA) Finder could be for you. Brent residents are also able to access this service if they need a support worker to help them live independently in their own homes

What is a support worker or personal assistant?

Support workers and personal assistants provide people with care and support if they need help to live a happy, independent life.

Are you looking for a job in support work?

If you are a personal assistant or are interested in a career as a support worker in Brent then Brent's new PA Finder could be for you.

- Joining PA Finder is FREE.
- Potential employers can see your profile at any time.
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- You will be provided with support to help you develop as a PA.
- Take yourself off PA Finder at any time
- Employers' access to PA Finder is controlled by a login process ensuring only genuine employers see your details.

Are you looking for a support worker?

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Safer brent

The big hate debate



With an increasing number of hate crimes and racial abuse reported in the wake of Britain's Brexit vote, Brent Council took the time to talk to residents about hate crime

As part of the council's 'It's Time to Talk' campaign, the first in a series of public meetings was held to encourage residents to talk about the difficult issues we face.

High-profile speakers attended including Dr Stevie-Jade Hardy from the Centre for Hate Studies at the University of Leicester, and Dr Colin Roberts, Director of the Universities' Police Science Institute at the University of Cardiff.

Topics such as: what is a hate crime?; how big the problem is in Brent; and the role of social media, were all discussed. Workshops were held for attendees to reflect on the speakers' words, design solutions to scenarios and discuss how they feel hate crime could be better tackled in the borough.

Ideas included: an education project to raise awareness of hate crime against religion, targeted at all ages – the project would include an interfaith international day with food and music to promote messages of unity; a Twitter campaign using the hashtag #AllAsOneAgainstHate, to raise awareness of hate crime

against disabilities; a peer-to-peer educational campaign to raise awareness of hate crime against sexual orientation.

Leesha Varsani, chair of Brent Youth Parliament, said: "The event was a great opportunity to see how different groups within Brent are impacted by hate crime and it was a symbol of solidarity showing that Brent is united against it. Some great ideas came out of the day and Brent Youth Parliament will ensure the conversation carries on with young people across the borough".

If you have been a victim of hate crime or witnessed one, please visit www.report-it.org.uk

The next 'It's Time to Talk' event will focus on extremism and will be held on Monday 3 October, at 6pm in the Brent Civic Centre.

What is hate crime?

Hate crime is any crime targeted at a person because of a hostility or prejudice. This could be related, but is not limited, to that person's:

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Transport

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My community

CASH BOOST – BRENT GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

Eleven voluntary organisations and social enterprises with bright ideas for new projects are set for a cash boost totalling nearly half a million pounds

Brent Council's Cabinet approved the plan to allocate cash from its Voluntary Sector Initiative Fund (VSIF), which will provide up to £45,000 to each project designed to improve lives in Brent.

Tackling social isolation, helping people back into work and providing at-home digital training sessions for the elderly are just some of the projects set to benefit from the fund, as well as other schemes to help tackle FGM, improve health, put young offenders back on track and provide a professional part-time librarian to support Brent's community libraries.

The Brent Magazine caught up with some of the successful groups to find out what securing this funding over two years means to them.

Brent Centre for Young People

"Sport and thought is football-based therapy. We rely completely on funding to continue our work which we've been doing for several years. This funding allows us to enrich our work with the Youth Offending Service."

Adam Kay, Therapist/Football Coach

Ashford Place

"Our Fit and Well project will encourage our older and socially isolated residents in Brent to feel healthier and happier as well as feeling a part of the community."

Danny Maher, CEO

OK Club

"The O.K. club represents a place of safety, we see the centre as a place of inclusion, where we deliver a holistic approach to the service that we give to young people.

Stuart McTurk, Youth and Childrens worker

Ashford Place

"The funding provides an opportunity for us to work in partnership with the council to reduce crime in the borough by supporting people with criminal convictions and those at risk of re-offending."

Norma Hoyte, Director

Asian Womens Resource Centre

"We are absolutely delighted that Brent Council have prioritised work with BME women who have been affected by harmful practices in Brent."

Sarbjit Ganger, Director

Elders Voice

"I am absolutely delighted that Elders Voice, due to the VSIF grant, will have the opportunity to work with socially isolated people."

Jenny Davison, Chief Executive

SABA

"This project will help us empower some of the most vulnerable people in our community, and will help us to help them improve their chances for employment, as well as starting their own creative, micro businesses."

John Downie, Trustee

Regeneration

Kilburn – regeneration that's streets ahead

Walk around South Kilburn and you will see that it's changing. Dilapidated buildings are being demolished and replaced with stunning, award-winning housing and a fun new play park. The good news is there's even more to come...

Brent is about halfway through the fifteen-year regeneration programme of South Kilburn and 2016 is the year when the council takes stock and reviews the current 'master plan' for the area.

The review is examining with local people what's happened so far and what could be improved. The results of the review will help determine whether there should be changes to the remainder of the programme, to ensure it continues to meet the needs of local residents. For example, Councillors recently supported the proposal for an Enterprise Hub (see news story on page 6) to be located within South Kilburn, to promote and encourage local job opportunities and start-up businesses.

The programme currently aims to deliver:

- 2,400 new high quality homes – half of these are for existing South Kilburn secure tenants for social rented accommodation

- A new larger high quality urban park
- A new local primary school
- New health facilities and much more...

Where are we now?

The council strongly believes that continued community engagement is key in helping shape the evolution of this programme and has held several consultations, with more planned.

Consultations

The council held a series of pop-up consultations and a first public exhibition in July.

These popular, interactive sessions gave community members the opportunity to meet the architects and consultation team, find out more and have their say. The design team are currently reviewing feedback and creating proposals.

South Kilburn development – the future is here

Chippenham Gardens

Planning permission granted for 52 new high quality homes – 22 of these are affordable housing and high quality streets and public spaces.

Queens Park / Cullen House

Winner (Mixed Use) New London Awards 2016. 137 new high quality homes to be built – 39 of these affordable – along with new public space, commercial space and office space.

Cambridge and Wells Court 2016

Housing Design Award Winner 2016. 101 new high quality homes delivered. Won this year's Housing Design Award 2016!

Peel

Aims to deliver a new health centre and 226 new high quality homes.

Gloucester House and Durham Court

236 new high quality homes - 102 affordable housing - replacement play space, associated landscaping, public space and car parking.

Here's what we've already done...

Ely Court is part of Brent Council's ambitious regeneration programme to transform a run-down estate over 15 years and has won the 2016 Mayor's Housing Design Award and two RIBA awards.

Woodhouse Urban Park was designed in consultation with local residents and features modern wooden play equipment including swings, climbing frames, a diverse landscape and a range of plants that change through the seasons, with seating areas that are perfect for families to relax in and have fun. The park has been nominated for a well-recognised landscape award which is due to be judged later in the year.

Around the area you'll see other ways regeneration has helped improve the neighbourhood, such as Marks & Spencer (M&S) opening a food hall opposite Queen's Park station.

There was real excitement amongst the crowd of local residents, as the Mayor of Brent opened the new store which brought 40 jobs to the area, employing 18 Brent residents.

Marc Roberts, a life-long Brent resident, now employed at this new M&S store, says: "Being able to work for such a well-known retailer is a huge opportunity for me. Not only have I been able to meet new people and build relationships with colleagues and customers, I've also been part of a new store opening from start to finish, which was really rewarding. No two days are the same here and I'm learning new skills all the time."

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 13 September, 3pm South Kilburn Studios, 2A Canterbury Rd, London NW6 5SW.

Your chance to learn how the master plan is developing since the first exhibition, and have your say! For more information, please see www.brent.gov.uk/southkilburn

Arts & Culture

>> Theatre >> Music >> Dance >> Comedy >> Exhibitions
>> Cinema >> Talks >> Tours

ART

ART CLASSES (DRAWING / PAINTING STEP BY STEP)

Sudbury Neighbourhood Centre,
809 Harrow Road, Wembley, HA0
2LP Tuesdays, 1.30-3.30pm £5.
020 8908 1220

COMEDY

COME MEK WE LARF RETURNS TO WILLESDEN WITH THE RUDE BOYS COMEDY SPECIAL

Featuring power houses, Toju – ‘The Militant Black Guy’ as seen on Channel 4’s ‘Balls of Steel’ AND Will-E – (formally, Will-E Robo) as seen on ‘P Diddy’s Bad Boys of Comedy’ And yes ‘THAT’ P Diddy! These guys are pulling no punches so it’s sure to be a full house and all hosted by everyone’s favourite troublemaking Master of Ceremonies, Mr Cee. Friday 23 September. Doors open 7.30pm, show starts at 8pm. The Library at Willesden Green

EVENTS

REMEMBRANCE DAY: THE BATTLE OF THE SOMME

A look at the controversial battle of the Great War in the words of the soldiers. Friday 11 November, 10.45am–12noon. The Library at Willesden Green. Free.
libraries@brent.gov.uk

BLACK SOLDIERS IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR AND THE AFRICAN FRONTLINE 1914- 1918

Tuesday 15 November, 6.30–8pm
The Library at Willesden Green.
Free. libraries@brent.gov.uk

BLACK HISTORY MONTH WHAT A WOMAN! 2016

A panel and networking event celebrating the diversity, potential and power of black women. Market stalls and food available. Thursday 27 October, 5.30-9pm. Sarah Siddons Theatre, Paddington Green, W2 1NB. £5 concessions/£8 + booking fee. weyoungqueens@gmail.com

BRENT COUNCIL PRESENTS: “BREAKING BARRIERS, OPENING DOORS”

Grand Hall, Civic Centre. Thursday 13 October, 4.30-8.30pm. Free.
equality@brent.gov.uk to register your attendance

EXHIBITIONS

EXHIBITION COMMEMORATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GRUNWICK STRIKE

From Monday 3 October. HLF funded exhibition produced by Grunwick 40 in collaboration with Brent Museum and Archives, exploring the story of the dispute at the Grunwick Film Processing Laboratory in Willesden from 1976-78. Free.

libraries@brent.gov.uk

FOUND

FOUND is a living art installation celebrating the beauty of Brent, developed with individuals from across the borough. FOUND explores why Brent is and always has been loved by so many, and how our relationship to Brent as ‘home’ changes as the city around us develops and grows away from the one we hold in our memories. A partnership project with Tricycle Theatre’s Young Producers. From Tuesday 1 November. The Library at Willesden Green. Free.

libraries@brent.gov.uk

FESTIVALS

CRICK FEST 2016

The free open-air family festival will feature stalls selling food and drinks, arts and crafts, live performances, interactive workshops, children’s entertainment and free horse and carriage rides. With performers representing Europe, Africa, and Asia, this multi-cultural event reflects Cricklewood’s extraordinary diversity. Following the launch of their latest single and sell out tour, back by popular demand The King’s Parade, Cricklewood Patrons perform live. New for this year a craft beer bar. Saturday 10 September, 1-6pm. Cricklewood Lane, Cricklewood Town Centre. NW2 1ET. Free.
townteam@cricklewood.net
020 8208 8590

NAVRANGI NAVRATRI

The nine night festival will be celebrated through folk music, traditional and colourful dresses, and most importantly Garba and Dandiya dancing. With authentic Rajkot musicians, Navrangi Navratri is sure to capture the true essence of the spiritual culture festival. The Drum, Brent Civic Centre, Engineers Way, Wembley HA9 0FJ Saturday 1-Sunday 9 October and Sharad Poonam Friday 14 October. Brent Civic Centre, Engineers Way, Wembley HA9 0FJ. £5 per night, Under 2s free. Free limited parking.

QUEENS PARK DAY

Queens Park, Sunday 18 September, 12noon-5.30pm. A traditional village fete with cake and jam competitions, donkey rides, a tug-of-war tournament, thrilling arena events – combined with twenty-first-century music-making, the candy-floss thrill of the fun fair and the delights of a street-food festival. www.qpark.org.uk

FIREWORKS NIGHT

Sunday 6 November, 6.30pm. Wembley Park will be holding the annual fireworks event for Brent. This free event will feature activities on site culminating in an exciting display played to a top-secret soundtrack. www.brent.gov.uk/fireworks

FILM

NOMAD OUTDOOR CINEMA

Nomad Cinema will deliver public screenings of classic films *Slumdog Millionaire* and *Pulp Fiction* along Olympic Way, with all proceeds going to charity. *Slumdog Millionaire* Thursday 29 September, Doors 5.45pm. *Pulp Fiction*, Friday 30 September, Doors 5.45pm. Wembley Park, Olympic Way, HA9 0FF. Ticket prices vary. For more information visit: www.wembleypark.com/news/nomad-cinematravelling-wembley-park/

THEATRE

WORLD'S FIRST IMMERSIVE BALLET AT WEMBLEY PARK

Wednesday 30 November 2016 to Sunday 8 January 2017. The worlds of classical ballet and immersive theatre will fuse for the first time and the production will unite the best of classical ballet choreography, with new immersive theatre techniques. This exciting production will allow the audience to interact directly with the story, giving them the chance to live a fairytale adventure. For more information visit: www.nutcrackershow.com

TALKS

WILLESDEN LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

St Mary's Parish Centre, Neasden Lane, NW10 2TS. Free for members. Visitors £1.

Wednesday 21 September, 7.30-9.30pm - "Grunwick's 40th Anniversary." Talk about the famous local dispute, with Pete Firmin.

Sunday 9 October - "Clitterhouse Farm." Talk by Roger Chapman, about the latest discoveries at this ancient site at Brent Cross.

Wednesday 16 November - "Willesden Green Cat Mosaic." Talk by Debra Collis about art work inspired by Louis Wain, 'the man who drew cats'.

cliffwadsworth@btinternet.com

AGATHA CHRISTIE: QUEEN OF CRIME!

An illustrated look at the life and career of the world's bestselling novelist. Celebrate 100 years of Agatha Christie's creativity and the creation of Hercule Poirot and Miss Marple this September. Crime and author Nick Dobson gives an illuminating talk. Thursday 15 September. 6.30-7.30pm. Kilburn Library. Free. libraries@brent.gov.uk

PATRICK, FATHER OF THE BRONTES

2016 marks the bicentenary of the birth of Charlotte Bronte. Brent Libraries celebrates the literary genius of the whole Bronte family. Colin Pinney, as the Reverend Patrick Bronte, reveals the story of Patrick's son Branwell Bronte and his famous sisters: Charlotte Bronte who wrote *Jane Eyre* and three other novels: Emily, author of *Wuthering Heights*; and Anne, who wrote *Agnes Grey* and *The Tenant of Wildfell Hall*. Such were the times that all three were forced to pretend that they were male authors. Tuesday 18 October, 6.30-7.30pm. The Library at Willesden Green. Eventbrite booking. £2/£3 at the door. libraries@brent.gov.uk

THE LOVE LIFE OF MICHAEL COLLINS AND THE IRISH CIVIL WAR

Behind every great man is a great woman and there are many women whom Michael Collins was blessed with knowing who supported, spied for or loved him. From liaising with society ladies to his romances with Kitty Kiernan, all while trying to pave Ireland's path for freedom with Treaty debates and the subsequent Irish Civil War. This was to be Michael Collins' most testing time both publicly and privately. Portraits of other women who entered Collins life during this tumultuous time will also be explored. Wednesday 2 November, 6.30-7.45pm. The Library at Willesden Green. Eventbrite booking. £3/£4 at the door. libraries@brent.gov.uk

REMEMBRANCE DAY: THE BATTLE OF THE SOMME

A look at the most controversial battle of the Great War in the words of the soldiers who took part. Fully Illustrated. Friday 11 November, 10.45am-12noon. The Library at Willesden Green. This event will include observing two minutes silence at 11am so please arrive before then. Light refreshments will be served. libraries@brent.gov.uk

BLACK SOLDIERS IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR AND THE AFRICAN FRONTLINE 1914- 1918

The Battles of the Somme saw approximately 1.2 million soldiers lose their lives. Hear the stories of soldiers of African descent who took part in this battle. People of African descent from all over the world fought for both sides. Their contribution to the war had significant effects on the course of the 20th century and the future of colonialism. Join the historian Onyeka who uncovers fascinating information on the 'thin black line' of World War I. Tuesday 8 November, 6.30–8pm. The Library at Willesden Green. Free but please book in advance at www.brent.gov.uk/events

ARCHITECTURE IN THE ARCHIVES

Visit the new Library at Willesden Green and find out more by joining a tour led by the Architect. You can also discover the secrets of Brent's local architecture in a display in the Archives search room (2nd floor) Sunday 18 September, Architect tours, 10am-5pm, on the hour, first come basis. The Library at Willesden Green. Free. libraries@brent.gov.uk

MIXING IT UP: A HISTORY OF BRENT'S MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY (COURSE)

Join your tutor Ken Olende for an exploration of the history and contribution made by Brent's diverse communities. Mondays from 26 September until 31 October, 6-8pm, The Library at Willesden Green. Places must be booked in advance via wea.org.uk/course or freephone **0800 328 1060**. Age 18+. Course fee: £53.30 (free if in receipt of benefits).

ARE MY ROOTS SHOWING?

KAROLA GAJDA

Author visit event! Karola Gajda was born in Yorkshire to Polish refugee parents who arrived here at the end of WW2 having suffered terribly during the War. She discusses her funny and touching novel, *Are My Roots Showing?* which was recently launched at Stanfords bookshop in Covent Garden. This is a story about identity, family, the fleetingness of life and love. Magda learns how history affects the present—and that where there are roots, new shoots can grow. Thursday 17 November, 6.30–7.30pm. Kilburn Library. Free. libraries@brent.gov.uk

SISTER ACT!

An evening of conversation with fabulous female authors featuring:

- Bev Baker – *Engineer in heels; Psychopaths don't eat ice cream* and *Mind Synergy*
- Eve Baker – *Adult Life Skills for Children*
- Frances Mensah Williams – *From Pasta to Pigfoot: second helpings*
- Dawn Cousins – *How I look young at 42* and *How I'm beating depression*.

Tuesday 1 November, 6.30-7.30pm. The Library at Willesden Green. Free. libraries@brent.gov.uk

WRITING

SPREAD THE WORD COURSES

'Write Here' with Spread the Word Tuesday 18 October. 6–7.30pm. The Library at Willesden Green. Use your creativity to explore your local area in a new and imaginative way. If you have always wanted to have a go at creative writing, or if you like to write and you are looking to take part in a friendly group writing session, then you will enjoy this workshop. £5/£3 concessions. Go to www.spreadtheword.org.uk and follow the links to book your place.

'WRITE IN' WITH SPREAD THE WORD

Saturday 19 November. 12noon–4pm. The Library at Willesden Green. National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) is an international creative writing challenge, which runs throughout November every year. Each NaNoWriMo, participants attempt to write a novel, from scratch, in just 30 days. If you are on a mission to complete your novel, maybe looking for a bit of encouragement to get you through the final part of the challenge, join us for this 'write in' hosted by Spread the Word. This event is FREE but spaces are limited. To book your place, visit spreadtheword.org.uk

COMING UP

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

On Thursday 1 December, 10am-2pm Brent Council will be holding an event to mark International Day of People with Disabilities. The day aims to increase understanding of the barriers facing people with disabilities and promote participation and inclusion. To register for this event please email equality@brent.gov.uk

STADIUM EVENTS

NFL: Jacksonville Jaguars vs Indianapolis Colts

Sunday 2 October 2016

2018 World Cup Qualifier: England vs Malta

Saturday 8 October 2016.

NFL: Cincinnati Bengals vs Washington Redskins

Sunday 30 October 2016

Rugby Union: Barbarians vs South Africa

Saturday 5 November 2016

2018 World Cup Qualifier: England vs Scotland

Friday 11 November 2016

International Friendly: England vs Spain

Tuesday 15 November 2016

For more information visit www.wembleystadium.com

VENUES

Ace Café

Ace Corner, North Circular Road, London NW10 7UD

Willesden Green Library

95 High Road, Willesden, London NW10 2SF.

020 8937 3400

Lexi Cinema

194B Chamberlayne Rd, London NW10 3JU

020 3011 5523

www.thelexicinema.co.uk

Tricycle Theatre

269 Kilburn High Rd, London NW6 7JR

020 7328 1000

www.tricycle.co.uk

SSE Arena

Arena Square, Engineers Way, London HA9 0AA

020 8782 5566

www.ssearena.co.uk

Wembley Stadium

Wembley, London, HA9 0WS

0844 980 8001

www.wembleystadium.com

Willesden Sports Centre

Donnington Road, London NW10 3QX

020 8955 1120

www.1life.co.uk/

london-borough-of-brent/willesden-sports-centre/home

Arts and culture

POETIC PILGRIMAGE

Muneera and Sukina talk to *The Brent Magazine* about their performance and their message

Who are Poetic Pilgrimage?

We are Sukina and Muneera, artists who use poetry, hip-hop and song to share messages of strength and change, from a female perspective. We've worked together as Poetic Pilgrimage for over ten years now. We met at high school, when we both joined a gospel choir, and our friendship just grew from there.

Was this at a school in Brent?

No, we moved here when we were much older but we have both lived in Kilburn and Willesden for many years, and still do.

Oh, so what made you move to Brent?

Brent has a lot of originality, there are so many interesting communities based here. There's also a real feel of people looking after and nurturing one another. S- Yes, I agree. Although there are a lot of social issues in Brent, there is also more social awareness and concern than I have seen elsewhere. I love that Brent is led by the people, the amazing history of resistance against racism and discrimination and the diversity of shops!

Ah, yes, the shops! Do you have any favourite haunts?

Rumi's Cave in Kilburn is a favourite place of mine. It's a real community space, a place for people of all faiths to gather and interact. Many artistic people go there, they feel at home there.

Speaking of artistic pursuits, what first inspired you to start a group?

Well, in the music that we listened to, we didn't see anyone representing us, especially in the UK, so we decided to speak for ourselves, and others like us.

Would you consider yourselves role-models, then?

Yes, but we're not really trying to be! People often contact us as we are seen to deconstruct traditional ideas of what it means to be black, or Jamaican, or female or a Muslim! We are very much seen as a vehicle for change and discussion.

S- Yes, it's true. But actually, we prefer to see ourselves as more of a bridge to these communities, rather than role-models.

So, what is life like for you as artists?

We perform a lot! We're currently working on a new album, and a theatre production in Belgium and in September we start our collaboration with Forward.

Can you tell us a bit about that?

Yes, of course. Forward is an organisation that aims to reduce the practice of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) by changing mind-sets within communities. We'll be doing some performances on their behalf to raise awareness of the organisation, and will also be trained as ambassadors, with the objective of leading workshops and seminars.

That sounds like a very worthy cause. Where can we find out more?

Go to www.forwarduk.org.uk

www.poeticpilgrimage.co.uk

Interview by Tanya Campbell

Your guide to what's on in Brent during

Autumn 2016

To get your event listed for free on this page, email tbm@brent.gov.uk with 'What's On' in the subject box. In no more than 50 words, tell us what your event is, where and when it takes place and if there is a cost or not. Please also include a picture or your event if you have one (maximum file size 1Mb).

CHILDREN

CODE GREEN: SCRATCH COMPUTING CLUB

Learn how to code and make games, visuals and programmes. Reserve your place at the library now as space is limited. For children aged 8–11. Wednesdays, 21 September, 5 & 19 October, half term break, 2, 16 & 30 November, 14 December, 4–5pm. The Library at Willesden Green. Free. libraries@brent.gov.uk

LITTLE EXPLORERS NURSERY FREE STAY AND PLAY SESSIONS

Come along to our free play and stay session for children 18 months to five years old at Little Explorers Nursery, where we will be learning lots and having fun getting creative and messy. Monday 29 September, 9–12pm. Little Explorers Nursery (Behind St Sebastian and St Pancras Church), Hay Lane, Kingsbury, NW9 0NG. Free. littleexplorersworld.co.uk

KUMON TWO WEEK FREE TRIAL

Kumon is a Maths and English Study Centre and globally four million children study at Kumon. The Kumon Wembley Central Study Centre is offering families a two week free trial subject to terms and conditions. Saturdays 10 October–20 November, 10.30am–2pm. St James Church Centre, Stanley Avenue, Alperton, Wembley HA0 4JB. 020 8426 1222 wembleycentral@kumoncentre.co.uk

CELEBRATE THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF BEATRIX POTTER!

Make Peter Rabbit, Tom Kitten, Squirrel Nutkin, Jemima Puddleduck or the Foxy Gentleman. Tuesday 25 October, 2.30–3.30pm. Ealing Road Library, Kingsbury Library, The Library at Willesden Green. Thursday 27 October, 2.30–3.30pm, Kilburn Library, Harlesden Library, Wembley Library. Free libraries@brent.gov.uk

AFRICAN TRADITIONAL POTTERY WORKSHOPS

Learn to make African coil pots as part as part of Black History Month celebrations with ceramic artist and tutor Chris Bramble. Wednesday 26 October, Kingsbury Library, 11.30am–1pm. The Library at Willesden Green, 2.30–4pm. Free. libraries@brent.gov.uk

CHILDREN'S PLAY SCHEME

Family dreams workshop -Find out about who Martin Luther King Jr. was and his dreams. Make your own dreams card to take home and show your friends. Wednesday 26 October, 2.30-4pm, Education Room, The Library at Willesden Green. Free. libraries@brent.gov.uk

STORYTELLING: MUNCH AND THE FUNNY TUMMY,

Join Ricky and Rachel and their recycling truck called Munch on their exciting adventures in Greentown. For ages 3-6. Friday 28 October, 11-11.30am, Exhibition Space Family Corner, The Library at Willesden Green. Free. libraries@brent.gov.uk

PREPARE FOR HALLOWEEN!

Make a creepy, haunted house and why not come in your favourite Halloween costume. We're not scared! Friday 28 October, 2.30–3.30pm. Ealing Road Library, Kingsbury Library, The Library at Willesden Green, Wembley Library. Free. libraries@brent.gov.uk

MAGGIE THE DRAGON AND FRIENDS SNAP HAPPY HEALTHY TEETH WORKSHOPS

Join Maggie the Dragon, Al the Alligator and Flossie the Flossisaurus and find out how they keep their breath, teeth and mouth fresh by brushing in these dental health events at Bookstart Story and Rhyme Time sessions. Tuesday 8 November, 10.30–11am and 11.15am–12pm, Wembley Library. 11.15am–12noon, Ealing Road Library. Monday 14 November, 10.30–11am, Harlesden Library. Wednesday 16 November, 10–10.30am, The Library at Willesden Green. 2.15–3pm, Kingsbury Library. Free. libraries@brent.gov.uk

WHIZZPOPPING POP-UP CHRISTMAS FUN FOR UNDER FIVES!

Festive fairies and sparkling stars: make your Christmas tree wand. Monday 12 December, Kilburn Library, 10.30–11.30am. Tuesday 13 December, Ealing Road Library, 11.15–11.45am. Wednesday 14 December, The Library at Willesden Green, 10am-10.30, Kingsbury Library, 2.15–3pm. Thursday 15 December, Harlesden Library, 10.30am–11am. Friday 16 December, Wembley Library, 10.30–11.30am. Free. libraries@brent.gov.uk

COMMUNITY

BACK TO SCHOOL CHILDREN'S PARTY AND 'NEARLY NEW' CHILDREN'S BRING AND BUY STALLS

An afternoon of hilarity with a children's entertainer, face-painters, tea and cakes. Sunday 11 September, 1.30-4.30pm, Hoveden Road, London NW2 3XD. You can find the gated entrance between numbers 10 and 12 Hoveden Road. Free. trustees@mapesbury-dell.org 07770 420399

SEASIDE DAY TRIP TO EASTBOURNE

Wednesday 14 September, coach leaves the centre at 9am, Sudbury Neighbourhood Centre, 809 Harrow Road, Wembley, HA0 2LP. £15 per person to be paid by 26 October. Please contact Katia on 020 8908 1220

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TRIP TO MILTON KEYNES

Wednesday 16 November, coach leaves the centre 9am, Sudbury Neighbourhood Centre, 809 Harrow Road, Wembley, HA0 2LP. £15 per person to be paid by 28 October. Please contact Katia on 020 8908 1220

BRENT CONNECTS KILBURN

Wednesday, 21 September, 7-9pm, London Interfaith Centre, 125 Salusbury Road NW6 6RG. Free. brent.connects@brent.gov.uk www.brent.gov.uk/brentconnects 020 8937 1073.

BRENT CONNECTS WEMBLEY

Wednesday, 5 October, 7-9pm, Patidar House, Ground Floor, Auditorium, 22 London Road, Wembley, HA9 7EX. Free. brent.connects@brent.gov.uk www.brent.gov.uk/brentconnects 020 8937 1073

BRENT CONNECTS HARLESDEN

Wednesday, 26 October, 7-9pm, Tavistock Hall, 25 High Street, Harlesden NW10 4NE. Free. brent.connects@brent.gov.uk www.brent.gov.uk/brentconnects 020 8937 1073

BRENT CONNECTS WILLESDEN

Wednesday, 9 November, 7-9pm, Willesden Green Library, 95 High Road, Willesden, NW10 2SF. Free. 020 8937 1073 brent.connects@brent.gov.uk www.brent.gov.uk/brentconnects

BRENT CONNECTS KINGSBURY & KENTON

Wednesday, 16 November, 7-9pm, Kingsbury High School, Princes Avenue, London, NW9 9JR. Free. 020 8937 1073 brent.connects@brent.gov.uk www.brent.gov.uk/brentconnects

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

HEALTHY EATING SESSIONS

Are you unsure about how to eat healthily? Come along and learn about: the eat well plate and the importance of a healthy diet, how to read food labels, practical tips and share healthy food ideas, discuss other popular diets. Please note these events are free but one week advance booking is required. Minimum of 10 people otherwise this event will be cancelled.

Thursday 20 October, 12–1pm, Harlesden Library. Thursday 24 November, 2–3pm, The Library at Willesden Green. Free.

libraries@brent.gov.uk

HOLISTIC HEALTH WORKSHOP

Come and join an evening to explore what to be healthy really means! We will talk about physical, emotional and mental health, there will be lots of practical tips and time for questions. This workshop is presented to you in cooperation with the Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University, an organisation supporting individuals in personal development. Tuesday 29 November, 6.15–7.45pm, The Library at Willesden Green. Free.

www.brahmakumaris.org

OVER 50'S

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Mondays, 11-12pm, Elders Voice, 181 Mortimer Road, London NW10 5TN. £3.50.

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GENTLE YOGA

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SPORTS

PILATES, FOR BEGINNERS AND NEW MEMBERS

Thursdays, 6.45-8pm Father O'Callaghan Centre, 26 Hay Lane, Kingsbury NW9 0NG.

Classes £6 for a course of four, or £7 for single sessions.

Call Di Hurley on **07958 140003**

BE SMART GET FIT: FITNESS CLUB

Mondays, 6:30-8pm Yellow Pavilion, Engineers Way, Wembley, HA9 0EG. £5. Call Rey on **0794 852 2881**.

besmartandgetfit@gmail.com

BE SMART GET FIT:

Wembley Stadium Group Run.

A friendly group run around the iconic Wembley Stadium whatever the weather. The sessions consists of a light warm up, five laps around the stadium (5km), followed by a cool down and stretching. Welcome to all levels of runners including beginners. Wednesdays, 7pm-8pm Free. Asics Outlet, London Designer Outlet, Wembley Park Blvd, Wembley. HA9 0EG.

Call Rey on **0794 852 2881**

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BE SMART GET FIT:

BEAT BOXERCISE

A beginners Boxercise session to music with circuits and a pop up gym. Saturdays, 11am-1pm, Yellow Pavilion, Engineers Way, Wembley HA9 0EG. £5.

Call Rey on **0794 852 2881**.

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TAI CHI CLASSES

Mondays and Fridays, 11.15-12.15pm, Sudbury Neighbourhood Centre, 809 Harrow Road,

Wembley HA0 2LP. £5 per class.

Call Katia on **020 8908 1220**

KEEP FIT CLASSES

Tuesdays, 11-12pm, Sudbury Neighbourhood Centre, 809 Harrow Road, Wembley, HA0 2LP. £5 per class.

Call Katia on **020 8908 1220**

PARKRUN AT GLADSTONE PARK

A friendly, totally free, timed 5k run (or jog) at 9am every Saturday morning for anyone and everyone.

All ages and abilities welcome (children under 11 must run with an adult at all times). We provide a marked out course with marshals to encourage you round. It's not a race, just a supportive environment to run with a group of around 100 friendly faces and we tell you your time each week. All you need to do is register (for free) at

www.parkrun.org.uk and print out your custom barcode. Once you do that you can run with us or at any one of the other 800+ parkrun events around the world (over 400 in the UK). Saturdays, 8.45am. Free. Gladstone Park, Kendal Road, NW10 1JH. www.parkrun.org.uk

SELF-DEVELOPMENT

FAMILY LEARNING FOR ADULTS. SPEAK UP FOR YOUR FAMILY!

English (ESOL) courses for parents delivered by Brent Start Adult Education College which focuses on gaining skills for employment. Improve your speaking, reading and writing skills in English so you can: Say what you need and explain what you want, Give your opinion, Write a short letter or email. We offer 10–12 week course beginning 20 September on Tuesdays, 10.15am-12.15pm, Ealing Road Library. Five week course on Thursdays from 22 September, 10am- 12pm, Wembley Library. Free. libraries@brent.gov.uk

Assessment Dates: There is a short assessment to make sure you have the right level of English for this course. Tuesday 13 September, 10.15am- 12.15pm, Ealing Road Library, Thursday. 15 September. 10am–12pm, Wembley Library

HOW TO PROMOTE YOUR BOOK – WORKSHOP

Aimed At The Aspiring, Small or Self-Published Writer. Are you an aspiring, small or self-published writer and want to know how to promote your book, blog or short story? Come along and learn how to put together a basic campaign that is sure to get you started. Thursday 10 November, 6.15–7.45pm The Library at Willesden Green. Free. libraries@brent.gov.uk

HARLESDEN MONEY ADVICE: LET'S TALK MONEY WORKSHOP

Basics of budgeting, Saving Money, Understanding Credit, Dealing with debt. This is only open to residents of St Raphael's Estate, Refreshments will be provided, Tuesday 30 September, 9.30-1pm, The Living Room, The Old boiler House (Next to Block 65-85 Besant Way). Free. Call The Living Room on **020 8937 3980 / 6450** to book.

VENUES

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Willesden NW10 2QY
020 8937 3541
archives@brent.gov.uk

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Engineers Way
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020 8937 3500
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THE LIBRARY AT WILLESDEN GREEN

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Safer brent

No need for speed

Residents are donning high-vis jackets and learning to use hand-held speed cameras to deter drivers from speeding

Aiming to save lives, the Community Roadwatch scheme has been developed by The Metropolitan Police and Transport for London (TfL), and gives local residents the opportunity to work side by side with their local police teams to reduce speeding in residential areas.

John Govier, 70, from Elthorne Road in Kingsbury was one of the first to take part in the ground-breaking scheme and saw first-hand the positive impact.

"I often see cars speeding in this area, and with the school over the road and a park next door, I am really concerned for the safety of the young children," he said.

"If you hit a child at 30mph, there's a good chance that they will live. If you hit a child at 40mph, there's a good chance they won't, and that's the difference.

"I think that this scheme will make a real difference in slowing down the cars driving on the roads around here and will hopefully make drivers think twice before ignoring the speed limit."

By encouraging residents to get actively involved in monitoring the speeds of vehicles travelling through their neighbourhoods, the scheme aims to educate drivers about the dangers of speeding, rather than prosecuting them in the first instance.

"If this can even stop one accident from happening, then it's absolutely worth all the time and effort being put in to the initiative by the police and us local residents," said John.

Cllr Eleanor Southwood, Cabinet Member for Environment, said: "Improving road safety is a high priority for residents and especially for parents of young children. This is a great example of partnership working between residents, the police and the council that I hope will make a real difference."

If you would like to take part in Community Roadwatch, or to suggest a residential area where there are community concerns around speeding, email transportation@brent.gov.uk

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