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# Looking ahead

Spring is here, and with it a wealth of opportunity in Brent. The early part of the year saw Brent get the royal treatment with visits from the Duchess of Cambridge and Prince Harry.

If the warmer weather has you keen on taking up new fitness goals, look no further than our parks and the wonderful events and equipment they have to offer, with an introduction to running from Alperton local, Run with Andy.

A look to the future means putting great ideas for the borough into action.

Apply for a Love Where You Live grant today and you'll be in with a chance to win a £500 grant for your chosen project and make your vision a reality.

If Brent residents have proven anything this year, it's that we're anything but ordinary. Two of our teachers have been singled out as some of the best teachers in the world, on a list compiled by the Varkey Foundation, organisers of the world's largest teaching prize.

Here's your chance to find out more about the Budget agreed for this year, on page 36, as we continue striving to provide all of the services across Brent that we know people count on.

But it doesn't stop there, exciting times are ahead with upcoming developments due to take place across the borough, creating thousands of new homes and jobs as well as opening opportunities for the people of Brent for years to come.

If the year so far has been any indication, whatever the future holds for Brent, it's sure to be bright.

**Councillor Muhammed Butt**  
*Leader of Brent Council*

# News Update

## Duchess visits Kingsbury

The Duchess of Cambridge thrilled pupils at Roe Green Junior School on a visit to launch a new mental health website.

Pupils welcomed the Duchess, who was launching her 'Mentally Healthy Schools' website, with songs as she arrived in Kingsbury.

The new website, which has been trialled by the school, is designed to help teachers talk to children about a range of issues, including bereavement, anxiety and eating disorders. The website is designed to suit primary schools in England and includes more than 1,500 online resources.

Cllr Mili Patel, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, said: "Figures show that more than half of all mental health problems in adult life start by the age of 14, and as many as one in 10 young children experience a mental health issue before the age of 11.

"This new website is a welcome aid and one which will be available to all primary school teachers and staff, providing a one-stop shop for advice and ideas that they can use in the classroom."

## Vision for improved Northwick Park

A proposal to explore options to improve the area around Northwick Park Hospital has been given the go-ahead by Brent Council's cabinet.

Working with London North West University Healthcare NHS Trust, Network Homes and the University of Westminster – who are the other landowners around the site – work will now begin on how the organisations can best-use the land available, with any redevelopment proposals then being put to a public consultation.

Cllr Margaret McLennan, Brent Council Deputy Leader, says: "Our collective vision is to secure Northwick Park's future by delivering a first class, modernised university hospital, improved transport links, more good quality affordable homes and jobs for local people."

## Electric vehicles boost

Proposals for new charging infrastructure for electric vehicles have been given the green light in a bid to encourage cleaner travel and tackle air pollution in Brent.

More than 50 additional electric vehicle charging points will be installed in lamp columns and several rapid charge points installed in the borough by April 2019.

Cllr Eleanor Southwood, Brent Council Cabinet Member responsible for transport, said: "Improving air quality is a top priority and encouraging more car users to switch to electric vehicles is part of our commitment to reduce air pollution and create a greener, more sustainable future for everyone in Brent."

Electric vehicles, which produce no harmful exhaust emissions, are becoming increasingly popular with more than 2,500 registered in Brent and this number is steadily growing.

## Charity bikers head to India

A group of local cyclists has taken on a three day challenge in India to raise money for a charity which helps underprivileged children. The annual Gujarat Charity Bike Ride will kick off from March 2-4 covering 400km over three days.

## Service for Holocaust Memorial Day 2018

Nearly 200 people from across Brent gathered in January to commemorate the atrocities of the Holocaust, alongside more recent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

Among the guests was Holocaust survivor, Reverend Bernd Koschland MBE, who travelled as a refugee to Britain on the Kindertransport, leaving behind his parents who died in the concentration camps. You can find out more about the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust, who coordinate this work across the UK, at [www.hmd.org.uk](http://www.hmd.org.uk)

## Neasden school children steal the show in TV's Big Fat Quiz of the Year

The children of Mitchell Brook Primary School in Neasden acted out the silencing of Big Ben during Channel 4's Big Fat Quiz of the Year 2017.

The students have been acting out news stories that happened throughout the year on the show, which is hosted by Jimmy Carr, since it was first broadcast in 2004.

## **Dockless bikes rolled out in pilot**

**A one-year pilot scheme that will roll out dockless bikes across the borough has been given the go-ahead.**

The bikes, which have GPS technology, can be located and unlocked using a smartphone app and will be introduced as part of Brent's commitment to increasing accessibility for cyclists and improving air quality.

Cllr Eleanor Southwood, Lead Member for Environment, said: "We have been working hard to make Brent a safer and more attractive place to cycle. I'm looking forward to seeing how this scheme will work in the borough, as it has real potential to make cycling more accessible for many more residents."

## **Brent GCSE pupils second in country for progress**

**New figures show that Brent is second in the country for pupil progress at GCSE, beating 149 other local authorities across the country and smashing the national and London averages.**

Brent comes second to Merton by only 0.01 point, followed by Westminster, Barnet and Harrow in joint third place.

Cllr Mili Patel, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, said: "The latest figures prove the commitment of Brent schools to giving children the best start in life and, with 96% of schools rated good or outstanding by Ofsted, I'm proud that our education system is leading the way."

Read about some of Brent's amazing teachers on pages 30-31.

## **Prince Harry visits Harlesden to help Fit and Fed campaign**

**The Roundwood Youth Centre in Harlesden enjoyed a visit from Prince Harry who attended a Fit and Fed half-term activity programme in February. Among those to welcome Harry were the Deputy Mayor of Brent and Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Cllr Mili Patel.**

Fit and Fed is a nationally recognised programme led by StreetGames which provides activity for young people and a nutritious meal during the school holidays.

Harry spent the day meeting volunteers, coaches and young children during playful activities at the centre.

## **Amazing young people pick up achievement awards**

**An incredible 92 young people from schools and clubs across the borough came together to receive the Jack Petchey Foundation Achievement Awards at the Brent Civic Centre in February.**

Presented by the Mayor of Brent, Cllr Bhagwanji Chohan, the event honoured young people aged 11-25 nominated by their peers and leaders for their positive contributions to society.

## **Landlord selective licensing to extend to five more wards**

**An application to extend selective licensing from Harlesden, Wembley Central and Willesden to five more wards in the borough has been approved by the government. The new law will require any landlord, letting agency or subletter that rents out a property in Dudden Hill, Kensal Green, Kilburn, Mapesbury and Queen's Park to apply for a property licence.**

Cllr Harbi Farah, Cabinet Member for Housing and Welfare Reform,

said: "This is great news for Brent residents. Brent Council is driving up housing standards in the private rented sector and cracking down on rogue landlords. We are hoping that the government will agree to extend selective licensing across more wards in the near future."

If you are a Brent landlord who lets out shared accommodation, you can apply for a licence online at [www.brent.gov.uk/prslicensing](http://www.brent.gov.uk/prslicensing)

## **Brent Young Musician of the Year 2018 finalists announced**

Six phenomenal young musicians, aged 13-18, are set to battle it out to be crowned Brent Young Musician of the Year 2018. The finalists are: Skye Kimber (Flute), Oscar O'Flanagan (Guitar), Julia Rosiak (Voice), Anna Sinko Uribe (Flute), Sasha Scott (Violin) and Arabella Parmar (Violin). Offering an £800 prize fund and a chance to perform at Wembley Arena in June, as part of Brent Makes Music, the final takes place on 7 March at 7pm, Claremont High School. To book your ticket visit <https://bmy2018.eventbrite.co.uk>

## **Rogue landlords pay the price**

**Brent has become the first council in the country to use the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) against slum landlords for breaches of licensing conditions in a landmark legal ruling.**

A judge at Harrow Crown Court ordered that POCA can be used to recover criminal assets that the Shah family obtained from cramming 31 tenants into filthy and dangerous living conditions.

Harsha Shah, daughter Chandni Shah and brother-in-law Sanjay Shah now face paying back hundreds of thousands of pounds from their racketeering.

Officers from Brent Council discovered a woman living in lean-to shack, made out of wood offcuts, pallets and tarpaulin, next to the four-bedroom property in Napier Road during a dawn raid in 2016.

CLlr Harbi Farah, Cabinet Member for Housing, said: "This is a landmark legal decision for our zero tolerance policy against rogue landlords. We will use all the powers we have to put an end to tenants living in misery."

If you suspect that someone is renting out an unlicensed property in Brent, report them anonymously at

[www.brent.gov.uk/reportaproperty](http://www.brent.gov.uk/reportaproperty)

## **Illegal cigarette trader smoked out in court**

**A convenience store in Wembley has been fined £3,904 for selling cigarettes and other tobacco products without displaying the correct health warnings.**

CLlr Tom Miller, Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities, praised the successful prosecution, and said: "This is another great result thanks to our trading standards team who have seized over 24,000 illegal cigarettes in the last 12 months.

"We want good, honest traders here in Brent and will crack down hard on businesses that flout the law, as we continue to work towards a safer and healthier borough."

## **Harlesden students picked by top US universities**

**Two students from the Convent of Jesus and Mary Language College in Harlesden have beaten fierce competition to be offered places at top universities in the USA worth more than \$500,000 over three years.**

## **Call for road users to look out for children's safety**

**Swift action is being taken to protect children's safety by tackling illegal parking outside schools.**

In addition to deploying CCTV enforcement cars to schools throughout the borough, Brent Council has purchased a single re-mountable CCTV camera as a pilot to improve enforcement of school Keep Clear yellow zig zag markings.

Cars parked in school Keep Clear zones can block visibility for both children and drivers. This puts children entering and exiting school gates at risk, and increases the likelihood of accidents.

The council is calling on all road users to keep children's safety in mind when driving or parking on busy London roads.

CLlr Eleanor Southwood, Cabinet Member for Environment said: "Every child should be able to go to and from school safely. Rush hour can be a nightmare but it's nothing compared to every parent's worst fear. I'm shocked by the antisocial and dangerous driving that can take place outside of schools. It's the responsibility of everyone on the roads, especially those on or near

schools, to make sure that they're doing everything they can to ensure the safety of those around them."

Walking, taking public transport or cycling is encouraged whenever possible, as a healthier alternative that is better for the environment and helps clear congestion around school roads.

## **And the business winners are....**

**A host of prizes have been scooped by Brent businesses at the prestigious West London Business Awards last month.**

Hosted by multi Paralympic gold medal winner Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson, the glittering ceremony at Wembley Stadium celebrated business excellence across West London.

Wembley's O'Donovan Waste Disposal were double award winners, lifting both Logistics Business of the Year and Park Royal Business of the Year.

Subhamta Limbu from fashion retailer Vendula won Apprentice of the Year, while the Polish Bakery were highly commended in two categories.

## **£1.7m grant boost for Willesden Cemetery**

Willesden Jewish Cemetery has been awarded a £1.7m grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund to develop it as a place of heritage for the public.

The money, raised by National Lottery players, will go towards a new 'House of Life' at the Jewish cemetery, making it more accessible for the public and draw in new visitors.

The grant is part of a £2.3m project to ensure the cemetery remains on a sustainable footing in future.

Cllr Tom Miller, Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities, said: "I'm delighted that Willesden Jewish Cemetery has been awarded this funding. Brent has an incredibly diverse heritage which we're extremely proud of and this project represents a great opportunity to bring Willesden Cemetery's past to life for visitors today, as well as preserving it for future generations."

Opened in 1873, the cemetery is home to many influential Jewish historical figures, from pioneering scientist Rosalind Franklin to restaurant critic Michael Winner.

## **Brent Mayor at conference in New Delhi**

Cllr Bhagwanji Chohan, attended the first ever People of Indian Origin Parliamentary Conference hosted by the Prime Minister of India in January.

The Mayor said: "I was so proud to share with them how we support and embrace so many cultures and show them just how much diversity enriches the work we do to help improve families' quality of life."

## **More homes for residents with housing needs**

**A plan to buy more properties for homeless families, while saving taxpayers cash, has been approved.**

The council owned company i4B Holdings has drawn up plans to buy 600 homes for private rental by April 2021. The plan will enable the council to support more residents with housing needs to find affordable, good quality homes in the private sector managed by a responsible landlord.

Cllr Harbi Farah, Cabinet Member for Housing and Welfare Reform, said: "Without i4B, the council's ability to help people affected by

the housing crisis would be significantly reduced and homelessness in the borough would increase further.

"By enabling i4B to double the number of homes it owns, including many more in Brent over the next four years, we will be able to offer more good quality affordable homes to homeless people while also saving taxpayers' money."

## **NEWS IN BRIEF**

### **TECHNOLOGY NAILS IT IN BRONDESBURY PARK**

Adults with a sensory impairment are set to benefit from a new supported living scheme especially built to meet the needs of people who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind or partially sighted. The new properties are part of the council's NAIL (New Accommodation for Independent Living) programme which enables tenants to live more independently while being appropriately supported.

## **FORMER MAYOR OF BRENT RAISES FUNDS FOR THREE CHARITIES**

Cllr Parvez Ahmed raised more than £50,000 after attending over 800 events during his year as Mayor. The funds raised will benefit his three chosen charities: the Brent Centre for Young People, which supports young people with mental health issues, community foodbank Sufra North West London, and Community Action on Dementia.

## **HAVE YOUR SAY ON FUTURE PLANNING POLICY**

In the latest round of consultation for Brent's Local Plan, residents, businesses, workers and visitors to the borough are invited to give their input and help set policy for new development in Brent for the next 20 years. Cllr Shama Tatler, Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Growth, Employment and Skills, says: "It is so important for people to have their say in this process and help shape the future of Brent." Visit [www.brent.gov.uk/shapeBrent](http://www.brent.gov.uk/shapeBrent) to have your say.

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## My community

# Nice one, Cyrille

The footballing world paid an emotional tribute to England striker and Stonebridge lad Cyrille Regis who died suddenly aged 59 in January but not before rising above racism to inspire a generation

Born in French Guiana in 1958, Cyrille and his family moved to London in the 1960s and settled in Stonebridge.

Cyrille attended Kensal Rise Primary, now Ark Franklin Primary Academy, and Cardinal Hinsley RC Secondary School, now Newman Catholic College, before making his way up from non-league football to play for West Bromwich Albion in the top flight of English football.

At that time, there were very few black players playing professional football in England and Cyrille and other black players regularly received racial abuse – monkey chants, bananas being thrown on to the pitch, and one incident where Cyrille received a bullet in the post.

In an interview televised on Channel 4, Troy Townsend from Kick it Out, said: "Cyrille used that as a positive. Cyrille kept that bullet and used it as an inspiration to do good. He never spoke down of any of his experiences. He was such a lovely,

mild-mannered man who is going to be an absolute great loss to the game.

"He's a role model for many. Our black players now can walk on the pitch and feel safe. I don't think that could have happened in Cyrille's era in the seventies and eighties.

"He was a trailblazer for our young black people now and is someone that I think the game will continue to look up to."

Cyrille went on to lift the FA Cup at Wembley Stadium with Coventry in 1987, before stints at Aston Villa, Wolves, Wycombe Wanderers and Chester.

He was made an MBE in 2008 and returned to West Brom as a coach before becoming a football agent.

Paying tribute on behalf of Brent Council, Cllr Muhammed Butt said: "Cyrille was a not only a fantastic talent, but a pioneer in helping football tackle the racial abuse of its players. He was a Stonebridge lad

who returned to Brent to lift the FA Cup at Wembley and represent England, later collecting an MBE for services to charity and football. His passing at the age of 59 is both a huge shock and a very sad loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family."

## YOUR SHOUT

### DEREK DOUGHORTY

"I used to watch a young Cyrille play football on a Sunday here in Stonebridge and we knew he had talent. You couldn't have met a nicer guy. He will be sorely missed."

### FRANK DOWNES

"He was a top-class human being that brushed aside all the racial abuse he suffered. Despite all the bananas that were thrown at him, he wouldn't let it get to him and just let his football do all the talking."

### LEONARD JOHNSON

"Other black football stars need to take a leaf out of Cyrille's book and do more for their communities. He really cared about people in Stonebridge.

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# Celebrating 100 years of women and the VOTE

On the 100th anniversary of women getting the vote, *The Brent Magazine* spent time with 105-year-old Brent resident, Diana Gould, to talk about the value of voting and the extraordinary changes she's seen through the decades

Having led an active life that has captured the imagination of the British public, Diana is no stranger to interviews and cuts straight to the heart of the matter. Speaking about politics, she says she always felt that it was important for people to vote.

In 1918, the Representation of the People Act granted some women the right to vote for the first time. When Diana's mother arrived in Britain from Poland a few years earlier, Diana had a unique view of the significance of women being able to vote.

Although only five-years old at the time, she recalls: "I remember women getting the vote but I was too young to vote when it happened. I was pleased that it happened because it meant women's voices were being heard.

"My mother couldn't vote as she was not a British citizen having come from Poland in 1913."

When asked about voting and how things have changed over time, she says: "As you get older, you get more cynical." With this, she mentions the difficulties faced by politicians when it comes to making real change.

It's a timely observation. As the hundredth anniversary of women receiving the vote and the 2018 Local Elections approach, the question of voting has never seemed more vital.

She expresses concern about young people's willingness to engage with politics and when asked if she thinks it's important for people to vote, she answers with a simple, sincere "Yes."

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## Happy & Healthy

# Spring in his step

In 2014, Alperton resident Andy Raju ran the London Marathon for the first time, sparking a passion for running that has seen him push through multiple races, group runs, and now as local fitness favourite, 'Run with Andy'

My aim is to get you where you want to be," says Andy Raju on a brisk morning in his local park, One Tree Hill. Leading free group runs and walking sessions twice a week, he takes a relaxed approach to what can often be seen as a daunting exercise. At home in his running gear, the qualified running coach laughingly mentions the old adage: "No one starts off running, you learn to walk first."

Unlike some fitness gurus who seem like they were born at a fast sprint, Andy reveals that his love and passion for running grew over time. At the peak of his training for the 2014 London Marathon, he trained six days a week, living it like a lifestyle. Not suggesting you need to do the same, he recommends you start off with group walks which is a great way to comfortably measure where you are in your fitness journey.

If you need to stop, you can stop. If someone wants to push themselves, Andy can make

suggestions too. He's happy to give people advice, whether on social media, his website or through his Run with Andy WhatsApp group.

When asked what he'd like to achieve in the future, he's enthusiastic about adding more sessions. Having held group runs at Welsh Harp Reservoir, he's keen to do more this year. Andy says: "If people struggle with running, we can always do a session in an outdoor gym".

Thinking of getting involved? Follow Andy on Twitter @runwithandy or find session dates at [www.brent.gov.uk/runwithandy](http://www.brent.gov.uk/runwithandy)

To see how you can get your 30 minutes of exercise a day, visit [www.brent.gov.uk/myheartbeats](http://www.brent.gov.uk/myheartbeats)



Cleaner & greener

# Spread the LOVE



Since its launch, the Love Where You Live campaign has been going from strength to strength

**Local people have been demonstrating their enthusiasm to improve our neighbourhoods in Brent.**

But there is still more to do, and this year the focus is on tackling illegal rubbish dumping with the introduction of five new neighbourhood managers – Dennis Lewis, Tony Martin, Ashley Cumberbatch, Phil Stagles and Shirley Holmes.

“I’ve lived in Brent my entire life,” says Neighbourhood Manager, Shirley, 55.

“I’ve brought my children up here and I’m proud to live in such a diverse place. I also recognise that there are things we really need to mend. Listening and responding to local environmental needs, concerns and ideas for improvement is my priority.” Shirley told us.

“Our residents, councillors and businesses care very much about our environment and so do I, which is why I believe that we all have a big part to play in making our streets and parks cleaner and brighter.”

Neighbourhood managers have been brought in to work with local

residents and businesses to identify and resolve local issues, particularly illegal rubbish dumping.

“There’s no them and us, we all need to tackle these issues together”, Shirley continued. “I’m not saying it’s going to be easy, but being a Brent resident myself I know that we’re experts by experience – we know the environment in the places we live, work or trade and we have a lot of value to add.”

Councillor Eleanor Southwood, Lead Member for Environment, added:

“We’re as frustrated as residents are with the selfish minority who blight our streets and parks with rubbish, which is why we all need to pull together to tackle this.

“We’ll continue to come down hard on those who illegally dump their rubbish and make it easier for those who want to do the right thing. As well as using the Cleaner Brent app, encourage your friends and neighbours to get rid of their waste properly. Let us know if you see anything suspicious by speaking to your local Neighbourhood Manager.”

Shirley Holmes is one of Brent’s five new neighbourhood managers.

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## USE THE CLEANER BRENT APP TO REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING

### A dose of tough love

Illegal dumpers got more than they bargained for when the council tracked them down and fined them £100 for selfishly dumping on Heather Park Parade in Wembley.

### Tell us what you love!

A new and improved version of the Cleaner Brent app will be available later this month and has a ‘Love It’ button! Snap away and send photos of places you love in Brent.

Why not also share the love on social media, using the hashtag #LoveBrent. Download the updated version at

[www.brent.gov.uk/cleanerbrent](http://www.brent.gov.uk/cleanerbrent)



## FIVE EASY WAYS YOU CAN HELP MAKE BRENT CLEANER AND GREENER

1. Report illegally dumped rubbish on the Cleaner Brent app.

Download the app at [www.brent.gov.uk/cleanerbrent](http://www.brent.gov.uk/cleanerbrent)

2. Organise a community clean-up. Visit [www.brent.gov.uk/cleanup](http://www.brent.gov.uk/cleanup) or email [recyclemore@brent.gov.uk](mailto: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/recyclepedia](http://www.brent.gov.uk/recyclepedia)

4. Put your bins out on time.

If you're unsure of your bin collection times, visit [www.brent.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.brent.gov.uk/recycling) and enter your postcode into 'Find Your Collection Day'.

5. Apply for a Love Where You Live grant to brighten up your neighbourhood and bring your community together.

Find out more at [www.brent.gov.uk/lovewhereyoulive](http://www.brent.gov.uk/lovewhereyoulive)



### YOUR SHOUT

"Working with our newly appointed neighbourhood manager has been a totally positive experience. For our residents' association to now have a dedicated person to liaise with – who will not only address our problems but also find solutions – is just what we needed.

We feel encouraged and confident that joint working like this going forward will make all the difference in our area." Braemar Avenue Residents' Association, Neasden

## Business

# 80 on the clock

From being used to make WW2 aircraft parts, to a hangout for 1950s' rockers, and now a global company, the Ace Cafe has certainly had a colourful history

**It's 80 years since the world famous Ace Cafe first opened. Popularly known as 'The Ace', the Stonebridge café has secured a unique spot in the motorcycle world.**

"There are people who love their music and motors all over the world. But just like there's only one Wembley, The Ace is where those with that interest can call home," says Mark Wilmore, managing director of The Ace.

Built in 1938 to capitalise on the development of the new North Circular, the Ace Cafe was initially off to a bumpy ride. The new café was completely flattened by a Second World War air raid. Temporary buildings were put up and it was used to manufacture aircraft components – they even won awards for the quality of their products.

Once rebuilt at the end of the war, the café's popularity boomed with the advent of rock 'n' roll with bands such as The Who becoming frequent customers. Mark explains:

"In the heyday of the 50s, kids would gravitate toward The Ace because it was on a long stretch of road, it had a jukebox, it was open 24 hours a day and was bright neon. It was the modern world."

### Faded appeal

Over the years, with cars becoming increasingly common, The Ace's appeal faded. It closed in 1969, seemingly for good. So, what inspired Mark to start it up again many years later?

"I'm not old enough to have come here but I'm old enough to remember it. I started to ride a motorcycle a few years after the place had shut. As the years went by, our history was disappearing and here was this place close to where I lived that was now selling tyres."

Realising that in 1994 would be the 25th anniversary of Ace Cafe's closure, Mark decided to organise a reunion: "That event was the evidence that the place should be reopened, because 12,000 people

turned up to a tyre place! From that moment on, I knew I had to get it opened again.”

Since its 2001 reopening, the café has gone from strength to strength, attracting thousands of fans to its regular events and reunions. And, it's also expanded internationally, with sister Ace Cafes in venues from Barcelona to Beijing.

The Ace's 80th anniversary will see them expand their offering even more, with the launch of a new clothing line, merchandise and a special double CD celebrating bikes and cars, as well as their own internet radio station playing rock 'n' roll and a host of other genres. Keep up to date with Ace Cafe's anniversary plans at [www.london.acecafe.com](http://www.london.acecafe.com)

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## Housing

# Nailed-on success

Award-winning architect Gurmeet Sian has been busy designing homes for vulnerable residents in Brent

**Gurmeet was invited to get involved with Brent Council's New Accommodation for Independent Living (NAIL) programme which aims to help people with high care and support needs to live independently in a well-designed home of their own, with appropriate support and greater control over their lives.**

Gurmeet has a rich background working on similar schemes across the UK and abroad and has won and been shortlisted for numerous awards including the Camden Design Awards 2017. He's also starred in the BBC's *The 100K House: Tricks of the Trade* last year.

The first NAIL project Gurmeet delivered was in Wembley which is now home to six residents. His current project is to redesign up to 16 homes across Brent which will provide high quality accommodation for 80 vulnerable people from the summer.

### Community perspective

“All of the projects since I started my studio have been social projects, whether they have been private

homes, restaurants, or community buildings,” says Gurmeet. “I always try to design from a community perspective, so it is a great opportunity for me to be involved with Brent Council delivering social housing.”

Although each project has a different challenge, they all follow the same principles. Gurmeet says: “We are committed to creating a warm homely environment through our design and are not creating institutional housing. We add an element of individuality to the rooms, making the kitchen space attractive and welcoming, the bedrooms have ensuite bathrooms and are all unique. My plan is to concentrate on NAIL projects to make them the best that they can be.”

Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing, adds: “The NAIL programme aims to deliver high quality new homes for 700 people by 2022 while also saving taxpayers £7.5million a year by reducing the council's use of traditional residential and nursing care homes.”

## My community

# The pride of an Irishman

Irish eyes are smiling in advance of this year's St Patrick's Day. We catch up with proud Irishman and chief executive of Cricklewood's Ashford Place, Danny Maher

**To me, being Irish means being proud of my country," says Danny. "It means being happy to demonstrate our culture, our contribution to Brent, and to the country, politically, socially, economically."**

Brent has the highest number of Irish people or people of Irish descent in the country. Danny, originally from County Limerick in Ireland, is a former Brent resident and has been working in Cricklewood for the past 20 years.

It was back in 1983 when a group of local Irish residents, along with St Agnes Church, created Cricklewood Homeless Concern.

Now called Ashford Place, they eventually opened their doors not only to homeless people, but also to those with mental, physical wellbeing, employment and social inclusion issues.

One of their campaigns, The Irish Project, is funded by the Irish government and supports the majority of Irish residents who are now over 60 years old and in need of health and welfare support.

Danny explains: "We work with

them in partnership so that they achieve good health and wellbeing and continue to be valued local residents."

Danny is able to provide this service, and more, at a modern five-storey and fully accessible community centre.

For this, he thanks the donations of Irish contractors as well as the business community, the Irish Embassy London, and Brent Council who have given him huge support over the years.

For over three decades, Ashford Place has grown to be an invaluable resource for the vulnerable Irish community, as well as other communities.

"I am delighted with the contribution we continue to have on the lives of the people at Brent. I want to make sure we continue demonstrating that to our neighbours through culture, arts and everyday activities."

To find out more about Ashford Place and the services they offer, visit [www.ashfordplace.org.uk](http://www.ashfordplace.org.uk) or call 020 8208 8591.

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## My community

# Top teacher shines on world stage

Alperton Community School art and textiles teacher Andria Zafirakou is in the running for a prestigious \$1m Global Teacher Prize having been shortlisted out of 30,000 nominations from around the world

**Andria is one of the top 10 finalists of the Varkey Foundation's Global Teacher Prize which celebrates the phenomenal work that teachers do.**

"I am absolutely delighted, thrilled and over the moon," Andria tells The Brent Magazine. "This is such an amazing moment for my community and I feel so proud and privileged to be one of the finalists."

In a school where many of the children come from diverse and disadvantaged families, Andria has gone above and beyond to ensure pupils reach their full potential. Even if that means adapting the curriculum so it's accessible, initiating mindfulness wellbeing strategies, and leading on staff development.

"I am still in shock," admits Andria. "The fact that someone had taken the time to nominate and recognise what I do within my school community is very special."

Headteacher, Gerard McKenn, says: "The nomination says so much about Andria's passion and drive to ensure that every student, regardless of disadvantage, has the opportunity to overcome barriers and succeed."

Nothing gives Andria more pride than to see her students go on to become teachers, architects, doctors, changing the world and making their mark in society.

Win or lose, Andria tells fellow Brent teachers: "What you are doing is nothing less than amazing. I am just so grateful to the Varkey Foundation for recognising what we do and letting us shine."

And shine they should, especially as 96% of schools in Brent are rated as 'good' or 'outstanding' by Ofsted.

"Mrs Zafirakou is an amazing, kind hearted woman and deserves to get recognised for her helpful personality and her interest in teaching" says 13-year-old Shaminy Paskaralingam of her favourite teacher.

Andria was joined in the top 50 of the Global Teacher Prize shortlist by fellow Brent teacher Eartha Pond who teaches PE at The Crest Academy in Neasden and helped raise £100,000 for Grenfell Tower fire survivors.

Brent is no stranger to having its teachers recognised after Colin Hegarty, a maths teacher from Preston Manor School in Carlton Avenue East, was one of 10 teachers shortlisted for prize last year, having beaten more than 8,000 applicants.

Colin's YouTube videos to teach kids maths for free were viewed by more than five million students.

The winner will be announced at the global education and skills forum in Dubai on Sunday March 18.

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# LOCAL ELECTIONS 2018

## REGISTER TO VOTE ONLINE

**DEADLINE: TUESDAY 17 APRIL**

**Local elections in Brent are taking place on Thursday 3 May 2018. This is your chance to decide the future of your borough.**

### ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

The deadline to register to vote online is Tuesday 17 April 2018.

Register here: [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)

You will need your National Insurance Number and must also be a British, Irish, qualifying Commonwealth or European Union citizen.

### REMEMBER

You are not automatically registered to vote. Even if you have registered for council tax or other council services, you will still need to fill out a separate registration to vote.

For more information, please visit [www.brent.gov.uk/elections2018](http://www.brent.gov.uk/elections2018)



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### Regeneration

## On the horizon...

Thousands of new homes and business spaces are to be created soon in Brent generating new jobs and opportunities. Here's what you can expect to see...

### Transport

Served by the Metropolitan, Jubilee, Bakerloo and Piccadilly London Underground lines and national rail services, Brent is already an extremely well-connected borough.

Tying in with the Old Oak Common and Park Royal regeneration proposals, studies have taken place to explore the idea of a West London orbital railway which would link south-west London and north London.

With the A406 North Circular Road running through the heart of the borough and the M1 and M4 a short distance away, Brent also boasts excellent links by road to the rest of London and the UK. With Heathrow airport also only a 30 minute drive away, Brent is also well connected to the rest of the world.

### NEXT STOP: Brent Cross West

Plans for a new Thameslink station which will sit between Cricklewood and Hendon have moved a step closer, after the station was named Brent Cross West. The station, which will be built on the existing Thameslink line that runs parallel with the Brent and Barnet border, will be built as part of the Brent Cross Cricklewood regeneration scheme.

### Education

Brent has 95 schools, 96% of which are rated by Ofsted, the Government education watchdog, as being "Good" or "Outstanding."

## Housing

Cranes dotting the skyline, hard hats and hi-vis jackets and the sound of construction sites have all been commonplace in Brent over the past five years.

In that time, Brent Council has given planning permission to more than 2,000 homes every year on average, with nearly 1,700 completed annually.

Last year, there were 2,666 new homes built in Brent, including many student homes for University campuses.

Although Brent's figures for housebuilding are among the highest in London, there is still much more to do to meet the ever-growing demand for homes.

## Culture

Legends of rock n roll, reggae, literature and the people of Brent were all recognised in Brent's recent bid to become the London Borough of Culture in 2020. Rolling Stones' Charlie Watts, The Who's Keith Moon, reggae legend Bob Marley, authors Zadie Smith and Mark Twain, Hollywood actors Riz Ahmed, Idris Elba and Sienna Miller, pop stars Rita Ora and Paloma Faith, and England and Manchester City footballer Raheem Sterling are just some of the stars who have connections to the borough, which boasts the iconic views of Wembley Stadium, Neasden Temple, Harlesden's clock, the Ace Cafe in Stonebridge and Kilburn's Grade II listed Gaumont State Cinema building.

Brent is also home to the Tricycle Theatre in Kilburn, one of London's leading venues for emerging arts, but its cultural identity as a borough is very much one of an international meeting place and destination of opportunity.

A place where people of Irish, Asian and Afro-Caribbean descent and other world communities have come to make the borough their home and set course for a new future.

## THREE MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

### Wembley Park

Surrounding the national stadium, Wembley Park is one of the larger new developments in the capital, with 11,000 new homes being built, of which over 33% are affordable.

Quintain, the developer who owns the land around Wembley Stadium, is using a private rented sector model to rapidly bring forward the development of the new homes.

### South Kilburn

The South Kilburn Masterplan aims to deliver nearly 3,000 new homes and create better open spaces and jobs for local people.

Parts of the scheme which have already been completed, such as Ely Court, the Peel Development, Cullen House and Woodhouse Urban Park have scooped awards from the Royal Institute of British Architects and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

### Old Oak and Park Royal Development

Located in the south of the borough and crossing into neighbouring Ealing and Hammersmith & Fulham, The Old Oak Common and Park Royal (OPDC) area is the UK's largest development project – a site the size of 320 football pitches will be transformed to create thousands of new homes and jobs, as well as a new "transport super-hub" where High Speed 2 meets the Elizabeth Line (formerly Crossrail), creating super-fast links in and out of the area and across the country.

For more information visit [www.brent.gov.uk/regeneration](http://www.brent.gov.uk/regeneration)

# COUNCIL BUDGET SNAPSHOT

Council tax bills are set to rise by £1.37 a week to help protect vital local services. Below, we explain why...

## Where does the council's funding come from?

Unlike previous years, far less of the council's funding comes from central government. As government money paid to local authorities continues to decrease, councils, including Brent, are relying more on the income that local businesses pay through business rates as well as council tax.

### In 2017/18, the council's funding has come from...

- Council Tax **46%**
- Business Rates **36%**
- Central Government **18%**  
(down 5% on 2016/17 figures)

## Why do central government cuts affect Brent so significantly?

Brent has always been a busy borough and its population continues to change at one of the quickest rates in the country. There are around 33 % more people in Brent over the age of 80 than there

were six years ago, and also around 14 % more children under the age of 10\*.

While this is wonderful news, this also means that demand is steadily increasing for council services while there is less money to spend.

- By 2018/19 funding from central government is expected to have reduced by more than **50%** since 2010
- Our population aged 80 and over has risen by **33%** since 2011
- The under 10s population has increased by **14%** since 2011
- **£164m** savings made by the council from 2010/11 to 2017/18
- **£5.4m** to be raised by council tax increase of 4.99% in 2018/19, made up of 2% Adult Social Care Precept and 2.99% general increase. The increase is the maximum allowed by the government in recognition of higher than expected inflation.

\* Based on the latest population estimates from the Greater London Authority.

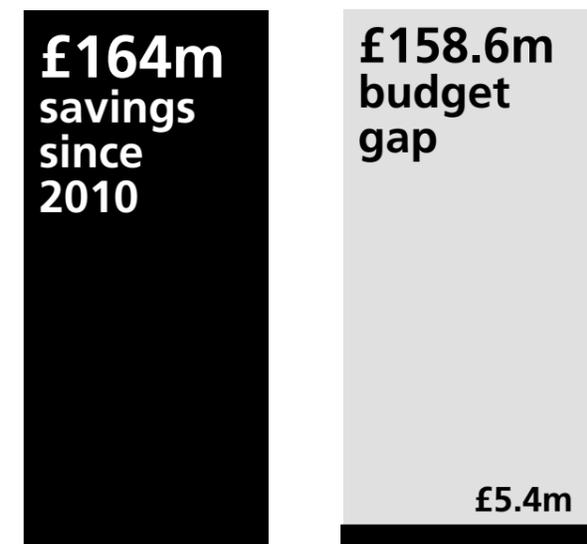
## Does this rise in council tax mean it won't be necessary to cut spending on valued services?

Sadly, no. Stepping up council tax bills by 4.99 % will enable the council to bring in an extra £5.4 million a year. However, by the end of the year, the council will have had to save £164m from its budget since 2010. In contrast, the £5.4 million raised by this tax increase is small compared to the money the council has lost.

So why do it? By increasing council tax by the price of a cup of tea each week, the council can ensure that every resident is looked after. The modest increase includes a 2% rise for adult social care which is spent on our most vulnerable, elderly residents.

### The challenge

By the end of 2018/19, the council will have had to save £164m from its budget since 2010



## So what does the council spend its budget on?

Here's a basic breakdown of all the different services...

- **Adult social services**  
4,150 elderly and vulnerable adults receiving social care from the council
- **Children and families**  
48,260 pupils being taught in Brent schools  
510 new school places created
- **Recycling and disposing of rubbish**  
121,596 households have their rubbish collected  
17,774 cases of illegal dumped rubbish cleared up
- **Creating jobs and transforming Brent**  
5,961 planning applications processed in 2017
- **Cleaning and looking after streets**  
26,514 streetlights maintained  
315 miles of streets and pavement maintained  
2,209 potholes filled or repaired
- **Maintaining parks and open spaces**  
110 parks and open spaces maintained  
985 allotment plots across 22 sites
- **Libraries and leisure centres**  
1,750,913 leisure centre visits  
2,516,683 library visits

My community

## Pride of Lyon



Communities across Brent have found new ways to bring cheer to their local areas, with the help of £500 Love Where You Live grants

**Lyon Park Community Association, a group of Wembley residents, joined together to put on a street party for the whole community. Several hundred people gathered in Lyon Park to enjoy a day of fun activities, food and music. As well as bringing back some community spirit, the event was also a chance for residents to unite to better tackle local issues like illegal rubbish dumping and littering.**

Hetal Jansali, from the Lyon Park Community Association, said: "We all had a great time with around 200 people enjoying the party, drinks and food. It was fantastic to have the local community involved."

Through the Love Where You Live scheme, Brent residents can apply for grants of up to £500 to develop a project to improve their local environment, reach out to vulnerable neighbours or build better community relations. Other recent community projects have included a festival in Neasden and a community get-together in Gladstone Park.

Cllr Eleanor Southwood, Cabinet Member for Environment said: "It's great to see a group of residents that really love where they live and are dedicated to improving their area.

"Our Love Where You Live campaign is all about encouraging everyone across the borough to take care of their surroundings so that we can make Brent an even better place to live, work and visit. Large or small, if you've got an idea for something you would like to see happen in your local neighbourhood, please do let us know."

So whether you'd like to organise a coffee morning for isolated neighbours or a clean-up of your local park, get in touch with us with your bright idea and we can help you make it a reality.

To find out more about the scheme and to apply, visit [www.brent.gov.uk/lovewhereyoulive](http://www.brent.gov.uk/lovewhereyoulive).

Safer Brent

## Building a safer Brent

As Brent's police force comes together with Harrow and Barnet, *The Brent Magazine* caught up with the former Police Borough Commander, Nigel Quantrell, about creating a safer borough

**A big focus is to tackle knife crime," says Nigel Quantrell, ex- Police Borough Commander for Brent. "Not only is this one of the London Mayor's priorities, but it is also for us in Brent as the increase in knife crime has had a significant impact on our communities. We already have a strong and proactive gangs' team in place, but there is more to do, and we are committed to stepping it up."**

Asked about the main challenges Brent faces, he says: "The obvious challenge will be to manage the budget cuts which is already seeing a decrease in staff. The last year has been spent adapting and preparing for this challenge and I'm pleased to say we are making progress and building a smaller, but efficient, workforce."

Sadly, like other boroughs, Brent has experienced a notable increase in knife crime but, fortunately, we now appear to be reducing that number. Nigel explains that by

working successfully with local partners, the most violent offenders have been targeted and a number of programmes, such as 'Stop and Search' are there to support the most vulnerable people.

Nigel adds: "'Stop and search' is an important tool and this is one of the areas where we hope to increase activity on an intelligence-led basis. Any regular knife carrier should fear being stopped and thoroughly searched by the police. It's there to save lives."

### Community support

Having the support of the community is absolutely vital in order to achieve anything in policing. When young people are involved, it's even more sensitive.

"Our school officers work closely with young people across the borough to prevent them getting involved in crime in the first place," Nigel says. "But I also believe that communities have a responsibility to

keep young people safe. Parents and guardians need to be aware of who their children associate with and information needs to be shared between all of us.”

Councillor Tom Miller, Brent Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities, agrees: “There are difficult times ahead and we all need to pull together.

“We remain absolutely committed to creating a safer Brent and will always put our communities first, no matter what obstacles we face. This is why we’ve invested over £400,000 in 12 extra police officers – to focus on tackling issues which residents have told us they want to see prioritised, including tackling violent crime, gangs and anti-social behaviour.”

## **IT’S TIME TO BREAK THE CYCLE OF DOMESTIC ABUSE**

A new programme to tackle domestic abuse, which focusses on early intervention, has been launched by the council. The service is in place to make sure victims and survivors of abuse get access to the support they need, when they need it, including extra support in hospitals.

## **COMMUNITY SAFETY IS OUR FOCUS**

Plans to make Brent safer will soon be rolled out with Brent Council investing more than £2.3million to improve CCTV in the borough.

## **Happy & healthy**

# **Need health help now?**

Health Help Now is the new easy-to-use app which has just been launched by Brent Clinical Commissioning Group

**Brent’s new app takes the guesswork out of common symptoms and instantly provides advice and local services that may be able to help. With the most suitable option for your specific symptom, the right advice and service is literally at your fingertips.**

“Health Help Now is a really useful app for local residents. Often people don’t know where to go for help and might end up at A&E when they don’t really need to. The app is easy to use and is a great step forward in signposting people to get the right health and care services,” says Dr Ethie Kong, Chair of Brent CCG.

The app was designed with patients in mind and developed with specific input from Brent GPs, patients, carers, and health professionals, so you can be sure you’re getting a wealth of trustworthy and reliable treatment whatever the symptom.

But, if it doesn’t provide you with the advice you are looking for, the app will get you to the right place from wherever you are. Based on your time and location, it will let you know the nearest service to you, if it’s open or closed, how to get there, and how to contact them.

Councillor Hirani, Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing, says: “At the touch of a button, Health Help Now is the perfect way to find the right local service and advice to treat common health problems as quickly as possible. Because it’s NHS-approved, you can be confident of getting the right help for all the family.

I would encourage everyone in Brent to download it today.”

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## My community

# Raheem Sterling FLYING HIGH

This summer, England's men's squad flies out to Russia aiming to lift the World Cup for the first time since 1966. Hoping to make the squad is Wembley lad Raheem Sterling who tells us about his journey from Brent schoolboy to England international

**I spent the majority of my childhood in Wembley until I moved to Liverpool." says Raheem, 23, who now bombs up and down the wing for Premier League leaders Manchester City.**

"I grew up in Brent. It was special to me because there was loads of local football tournaments in the area, in Kingsbury and in Stonebridge. It was a really nice community and everything was five to ten minutes away from each other on the number 18 bus. So it was a massive part of my childhood and I have good memories.

"I remember riding my bike with my friends and seeing the stadium being built while the old Wembley market was still going on. To this day, I still look back on that and when I drive through on the team coach to the stadium, I get flashbacks. It's great to see how it is all developing."

## Wembley tattoo

Raheem told The Brent Magazine how he now has a tattoo on his arm of himself as a young boy looking up at the stadium - a source of inspiration in his football career. "It felt that close. My house was a three minute walk away from the stadium.

"I remember looking at the stadium and saying that I have to play in that stadium one day. I have to rule that pitch one day.

"It was one of my goals while training at QPR. I remember driving from Hounslow down to Brentford and you can see the arch from there. It was crazy to see the arch all the way back home. It's always been a massive part of me trying to become a football player because it was so close to home.

"Moving up north it became far away, but playing with England now at Wembley, I get to go back home."

## Hungry for success

Having made the transition from Brent schoolboy to international footballer, Raheem spoke of the dedication needed to succeed.

"As a child I always had a strong mentality of what I wanted to do and football was my love and my thing that I wanted to do.

"It's all about how hungry you are for what you want. There are many people who want to do things and say they are going to do it, but how much are you actually going to do to achieve it? It's all about how hard you are willing to work. The most important thing though is to focus on your education while working towards your goals."

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# Arts & Culture

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## MARCH

### TREASURES OF BRENT MUSEUM

Discover unearthed finds from our museum and archive stores! Kingsbury Library. 10am-8pm Monday and Thursday, 10am-6pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 10am-5pm Saturday, 12noon-5pm Sunday. Free.

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## MARCH

### SPINE ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE

Wembley Library gets the cultural treatment with two amazing artists who will perform stories and legends, and run creative writing and art workshops for children and families. Part of the SPINE Festival 2018 – organised by Apples and Snakes and library partners. Wembley Library. Free.

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## MARCH-JUNE

### HOME AWAY FROM HOME: ROMANIANS IN BRENT

Exhibition celebrating Romanian culture. Featuring a collection of ornate decorated Easter eggs and contemporary photography of Romanians in Brent by photographers Mike Lupascu and Ion Paciu.

The Library at Willesden Green. 9am-8pm Monday to Friday, 10am-5pm Saturday and Sunday. Free.

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## MARCH-MAY

### A.R.P. – WEMBLEY'S AIR RAID WARDENS IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR

A colourful "coat of arms" made by its wardens to decorate Air Raid Post 12 provides the centrepiece for this exhibition, which tells the story of the 2,500 Wembley men and women who worked during WW2 to help protect their neighbours from German air raids. Kingsbury Library. 10am-8pm Monday and Thursday, 10am-6pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 10am-5pm Saturday, 12noon to 5pm Sunday. Free.

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## FRIDAY 2 MARCH

### REGGAE CHOIR

The Reggae Choir perform iconic songs from this style of music loved across all ages and cultures. An uplifting evening of music to celebrate the 70th anniversary of Windrush. The Library at Willesden Green. 8pm. Tickets £8 in advance and £10 on the door. Book at [www.brent.gov.uk/events](http://www.brent.gov.uk/events)

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## MONDAY 5 MARCH – SUNDAY 18 MARCH

### ISLAND BY VAISHALI PRAZMARI

Islands have underpinned Vaishali's art for as long as she can remember. She incorporates Persian, Mughal Indian and Chinese elements in her work. The Library at Willesden Green. 9am-8pm Monday to Friday, 10am-5pm Saturday and Sunday. Free.

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## TUESDAY 6 MARCH

### TRACING BLACK ANCESTRY: SECRETS OF THE 1817 SLAVE REGISTERS UNCOVERED

Learn how to start exploring Black and British ancestry with family historian Paul Crooks. Harlesden Library Plus. Book at [www.brent.gov.uk/events](http://www.brent.gov.uk/events)

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## WEDNESDAY 7 MARCH

### WIDOWS' MIGHT

Pat Holden, Karin Fernald, Sakuntala Ramanee and Valerie Sarruf stage an uplifting and surprisingly funny evening of stories, anecdotes, poems and songs exploring the nature of widowhood. Written and compiled by Pat Holden. The Library at Willesden Green. 6.30-7.30pm. £2.

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## THURSDAY 8 MARCH

### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY: PRESSING FOR PROGRESS

Join our celebration and make International Women's Day YOUR day! Everyone welcome, staff and residents – all genders, all ages, and all communities together. Grand Hall, Brent Civic Centre. 10am-2pm. Free tickets available on Eventbrite at: <http://bit.ly/2Bpbcg8>

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## FRIDAY 9 MARCH

### OSCAR REDUX

A week of showings of all the best films of the year. Lexi Cinema. Box Office 020 3011 5523

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## SATURDAY 10 MARCH

### SEMIRAMIDE

Live opera from the Met in New York. Lexi Cinema. 5.55pm. Box Office: 020 3011 5523

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## SATURDAY 10 MARCH

### CRIME AUTHOR VISIT: SIMON MICHAEL #2!

Crime fiction writer and creator of the Charles Holborne London gangster series, Simon Michael, makes a welcome return visit to Brent Libraries and joins the Romanians Loves Books Reading Group to discuss his work and writing career in this event for adults. Wembley Library. 12noon-2pm. Free.

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**MONDAY 12 MARCH**

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**WHO MOTHERS THE MOTHERS?**

To celebrate Mother's Day on 11 March, join Mandeep Rai, BBC journalist, for this talk aimed at adults about experiences of mothers around the world.  
The Library at Willesden Green.  
6.30-7.30pm. Free.

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**MONDAY 19 MARCH**

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**CHANGING VIEWS**

Talk for adults. Leanne Chorekdjian will be sharing examples of how visiting museums can be a stimulus for children to think critically, consider multiple perspectives and be pupil ambassadors for educating others. The Library at Willesden Green. 6.30-7.30pm.

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**WEDNESDAY 21 MARCH**

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**SPEAK EASILY? WHEN HOLLYWOOD'S CLOWNS LEARNT TO TALK**

The first all-talking movie was released 90 years ago, a technology that transformed Hollywood. This talk and film show will reveal the effect sound had on the great movie comedians of the 1920s, including Charlie Chaplin, Buster Keaton, Laurel and Hardy, and many others. The Library at Willesden Green. 6.30-7.45pm. £2. Book at [www.brent.gov.uk/events](http://www.brent.gov.uk/events)

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**THURSDAY 22 MARCH**

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**JULIUS CAESAR**

Live broadcast of the National Theatre play. Lexi Cinema. 7pm. Box Office: 020 3011 5523

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**SATURDAY 24 MARCH AND FRIDAY 6 APRIL**

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**ROMANIAN EASTER DECORATIONS**

inspired by our exhibition 'Home Away from Home: Romanians in Brent'. Suitable for children 3+. The Library at Willesden Green. 2.30-4pm. Free

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**SATURDAY 31 MARCH**

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**COSI FAN TUTTE**

Live opera from the Met in New York. Lexi Cinema. 5.55pm. Box Office: 020 3011 5523

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**TUESDAY 3 APRIL**

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**ABRACADABRA! MAGIC SHOW**

A date with a magician in this entertaining magic show for all the family. See amazing tricks performed with silks, ropes, cards, Chinese rings and more! Kingsbury Library. 2.30-3.30pm. Free.

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**TUESDAY 3 APRIL**

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**EXPLORE LEARNING: SUPERHERO SHAPES**

Children help make the world a safer place in this workshop, as they design our future superheroes using 2D and 3D shapes. Ages 4-6. The Library at Willesden Green. 2.30-3.30pm. Free. Book in person at Explore Learning or tel 020 8432 7130

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**SUNDAY 8 APRIL**

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**EALING ROAD FILM CLUB: FERRARI KI SAWAARI**

Film screening for children of this Hindi sports drama. Ealing Road Library. 1-3pm. Free.

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**SUNDAY 8 APRIL**

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**ACE CAFE 80TH ANNIVERSARY ALBUM LAUNCH WITH RUSTI STEEL & THE STAR TONES & THE BAD DETECTIVES**

Ace Café. 12noon. Free.

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**THURSDAY 12 APRIL**

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**EXPLORE LEARNING: ANALYSING POETRY**

This workshop will help children learn about different styles of poetry and what literary techniques make a poem great! Ages 11-14. The Library at Willesden Green. 2.30-3.30pm. Free. Book in person at Explore Learning or call 020 8432 7130

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**FRIDAY 13 APRIL**

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**HALF MOON THEATRE PRESENTS LEAF**

An immersive children's theatre performance with stay and play session. Ages 0-3. The Library at Willesden Green. 11am, 12.30pm and 2pm. Tickets £5 in advance and £6 on the door. Book at [www.brent.gov.uk/events](http://www.brent.gov.uk/events)

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**SATURDAY 14 APRIL**

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**LUISA MILLER**

Live opera from the Met in New York. Lexi Cinema. 5.30pm. Box Office: 020 3011 5523

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**TUESDAY 24 APRIL**

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**WORLD WAR TWO AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS IN WEMBLEY**

Join Philip Grant from Wembley History Society for this illustrated talk for adults about Wembley's A.R.P. service. Kingsbury Library. 11am-12noon. Free.

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**WEDNESDAY 25 APRIL**

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**THE LIFE OF ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON**

Noelle Rimmington and Colin Pinney present the life of Robert Louis Stevenson, author of Treasure Island and Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde. The presentation follows Robert and his life-long American love, from their honeymoon in a silver mine to his virtual coronation in the South Sea Islands. The Library at Willesden Green. 6.30-7.30pm. £2. Book at [www.brent.gov.uk/events](http://www.brent.gov.uk/events)

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**SATURDAY 28 APRIL**

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**RHYTHM N' CRUISE ROCKIN' RECORD HOP WITH DJ JIMMY GUNTRIP**

Ace Café. 7pm-11pm. Free.

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**SATURDAY 28 APRIL**

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**CENDRILLON**

Live opera from the Met in New York. Lexi Cinema. 5.55pm. Box Office: 020 3011 5523

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**THURSDAY 3 MAY**

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**HOME AWAY FROM HOME: EXHIBITION TALK AND PANEL DISCUSSION**

Talk and discussion to tie in with exhibition 'Home Away from Home', in collaboration with Romanian Women in UK. The Library at Willesden Green. 6.30-7.30pm. Free

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**WEDNESDAY 16 MAY**

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**THE MOORES OF SPAIN**

Talk on Spanish history looking at the era when the Moores ruled most of the peninsular. The Library at Willesden Green. 6.30-7.45pm. £2. Book at [www.brent.gov.uk/events](http://www.brent.gov.uk/events)

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**TUESDAY 22 MAY**

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**GUERNICA AND BEYOND**

The Spanish Civil War inspired some of the most provocative art of the twentieth century: passionate, angry and surreal. Opening with the unveiling of Pablo Picasso's 'Guernica' in 1937 this talk will introduce the big political themes of the conflict and the work that artists, many from Britain, were driven to create in response. The Library at Willesden Green. 6.30-7.45pm. Free. Book at [www.brent.gov.uk/events](http://www.brent.gov.uk/events)

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## STADIUM EVENTS

### TUESDAY 27 MARCH

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### SUNDAY 8 APRIL

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### SATURDAY 21 APRIL

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### SUNDAY 22 APRIL

Emirates FA Cup Semi-Final

### SATURDAY 5 MAY

SSE Women's FA Cup Final

### SATURDAY 12 MAY

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### SATURDAY 19 MAY

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### SUNDAY 20 MAY

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## Arts & culture

# Blitz spirit in Brent

**A new exhibition and talk at Kingsbury Library will reveal the vital role played by Brent residents during the Nazi Germany bombing of World War II – as well as an unexpected link between Nashville, USA and Wembley.**

After a resident of Nashville, Tennessee discovered an old coat of arms with the words Wembley ARP (Air Raid Precautions) written on it, she got in touch with the Wembley History Society.

Historian and Society member Philip Grant traced the coat of arms to the Kingsbury area and discovered that around 2,500 civilians, men and women and mainly volunteers, had served as Air Raid Wardens in Wembley during the war, to help protect their neighbours from the Nazi Germany bombing attacks. Following this discovery the Wembley History Society have worked together with Brent Museum and Archives to tell the story of Wembley's Air Raid Wardens, from the first recruits in March 1938 to the end of the Service in July 1945. The new exhibition will use objects and pictures from the Brent Museum collections, together with several

borrowed from society members. As well as the work of the wardens, it will also include their fellow volunteers in the first aid and rescue teams.

As part of the exhibition programme, Philip Grant will be giving an illustrated talk on Wembley's World War II ARP Service.

'The talk is not just about telling people what happened, as those who come along may have heard other details from older relatives or neighbours which they can share with everyone,' explains Phillip.

'Although the coat of arms in the exhibition is the only surviving one that we know of, Wembley's ARP units were encouraged to design their own as part of building team spirit. We hope that the exhibition and talk might spark some interest, and help to unearth more World War II heritage items!'

The Air Raid Precautions exhibition is on at Kingsbury Library from March-May and you can listen to Philip's talk on Tuesday 24 April.



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## Arts and culture

# What's on

Your guide to what's on in Brent during Spring 2018. If you would like your event included on these pages, submit the details at [www.brent.gov.uk/events](http://www.brent.gov.uk/events)

## CHILDREN

### STEM CLUB

Fun learning workshops for children aged 8+ in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Ealing Road Library. Wednesday 14 and 28 March.

### EXPLORE LEARNING: A KNIGHT'S JOURNEY

Children will joust their way through many grammar tournaments! Ealing Road Library. Wednesday 11 April. 2.30-3.30pm.

### RHYTHMS, RHYMES AND FUNKY PUPPETS

Art activities for children and young people. Wembley Library. Saturday 3 March. 2.30-4.30pm.

### LONDON YOUTH ROWING

Enjoy the joys of indoor rowing and get the opportunity to get active!. Yellow Pavilion, Wembley Retail Park, Engineers Way, HA9 0EG. Free. Mondays. 4.30-5.30pm. [lfarquharson@londonyouthrowing.com](mailto:lfarquharson@londonyouthrowing.com)

### ART AND WORDS ATTACK!

Art activities for children and young people. Wembley Library. Thursday 1 March. 4-5pm.

### CREATIVE COOKING AND NUTRITION PROGRAMME WITH THE BITE ME CORNER TEAM

Get your little ones creative with cooking and join the team from Bite Me Corner to learn all about nutrition, cooking and tasting! Yellow Pavilion, Wembley Retail, Park Engineers Way, HA9 0EG. Thursdays. 4-6pm. £8. [contact@thebitemecorner.co.uk](mailto:contact@thebitemecorner.co.uk)

### WONDERKIDS FOOTBALL ACADEMY

The perfect class for a budding footballer. Come along and join in our academy, teaching a multitude of skills to develop your little one's footie talents. Yellow Pavilion, Wembley Retail Park, Engineers Way, HA9 0EG. Sundays. 10.15-11.15am. £5. Ali **07946 445957**.

### CODE 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. The Library at Willesden Green. Wednesday 14 March. 4-5pm.

## COMMUNITY

### **KINGSBURY DEMENTIA CAFÉ**

The dementia café is a friendly meeting place for anyone affected by memory loss, dementia or forgetfulness. The café is run by the Alzheimer's Society and you are free to drop-in. Alzheimers Society Dementia Cafe, Father O'Callaghan Hall, St Sebastian and St Pancras R.C. Church, Hay Lane, Kingsbury Green NW9 0NG. Wednesdays. 2-4pm. [adrian.pennington@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:adrian.pennington@alzheimers.org.uk) 07740 433 472.

### **CRICKLEWOOD DEMENTIA CAFE**

The dementia café is run by the charity Ashford Place and if you are affected by memory loss, dementia or forgetfulness you are free to drop-in. Ashford Place, 60 Ashford Road Cricklewood. London NW2 6TU. Tuesdays. 2-4pm. [danny.maher@ashfordplace.org.uk](mailto:danny.maher@ashfordplace.org.uk) 07595 631 167

### **FOSTERING AND ADOPTION INFORMATION EVENINGS**

Our fostering and adoption information evenings are presented in a very relaxed atmosphere where you will be given the opportunity to talk to a member of staff and find out more about each process. Brent Civic Centre. Thursday 5 April. 5.45-8pm.

### **BRENT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CHARITY CONCERT**

Concert in aid of local charity, Elders Voice. The concert programme includes Dvorák's Symphonic Variations, Berlioz's King Lear overture and closes with Sibelius' Fifth Symphony. St Martins Church, Mortimer Road, London. Saturday 10 March. 7.30-9.45pm. Adults: £10, Concessions (over 60's): £8, Under 18s: £5. [info@brentso.org.uk](mailto:info@brentso.org.uk)

### **ROE GREEN KINGSBURY ULTIMATE FUNFAIR**

Come and enjoy all the thrills and spills of Roe Green's Ultimate Funfair! Roe Green, Kingsbury. Friday 27 April-Sunday 13 May. 2-11pm. £1 per person, free for children under 3 years. [info@irvinleisure.co.uk](mailto:info@irvinleisure.co.uk) 020 8795 4282.

### **BARHAM PARK ULTIMATE FUNFAIR**

Come and enjoy all the thrills and spills of Barham Park's Ultimate Funfair! Harrow Road, Wembley. Friday 8 June-Sunday 17 June. 2-11pm. £1 per person, free for children under 3 years. [info@irvinleisure.co.uk](mailto:info@irvinleisure.co.uk) 020 8795 4282.

## HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### **UNDERSTANDING VITAMIN D**

Nutritionist Mistura Yusuf will be discussing Vitamin D, its sources and goodness and the importance of having enough. An evening of interactive learning for adults in a relaxed atmosphere. The Library at Willesden Green. Tuesday 13 March. 6.30-7.30pm. Advanced booking. essential, book at [www.brent.gov.uk/events](http://www.brent.gov.uk/events)

### **PEER SUPPORT GROUP BIWEEKLY**

This is a biweekly peer support group, set up by people with lived experience, to offer support and wellbeing to each other - everyone is welcome. Ashford Place, 60 Ashford Road. Tuesdays. 1.30-3.30pm. [engagementbrent@hestia.org](mailto:engagementbrent@hestia.org)

### **MUAY THAI**

Practise those stand-up strikes and get that clinching technique nailed. An enjoyable and energetic martial art for all levels. Yellow Pavilion, Wembley Retail Park, Engineers Way, HA9 0EG. Mondays. 6.30-8pm. £5. Humphrey: 07849 873 237.

### **TAI CHI**

Moving meditation class combining deep breathing and relaxation with flowing movements. The perfect way to get healthy for all levels. Yellow Pavilion, Wembley Retail Park, Engineers Way, HA9 0EG. Tuesdays. 7-8pm. £5. Jeff: 07941 072 325.

### **SKIN CARE AND BEAUTY MAKE UP WORKSHOP**

Learn how to look after your skin and apply make up to produce lovely, eye catching results. Wembley Library. Wednesday 11 April. 12noon-2pm. Free.

### **WEMBLEY CIRCUIT CHURCHES HEALTHY FUN DAY**

A fun and health orientated afternoon of seminars, healthy cooking demos, Zumba classes, healthy lifestyle advice, testing and information for all ages. Park Lane Methodist Church, Park Lane, Wembley, Middlesex. Saturday 10 March. 12-4pm. [www.plmc.org.uk](http://www.plmc.org.uk)

## GARDENING

### GARDENING FOR BEGINNERS

A free course over three Sundays to give help and guidance to beginner gardeners. Learn how to grow vegetables from seeds, and get your hands dirty with practical activities. Old Kenton Lane Allotments, Old Kenton Lane, Kingsbury (entrance next to Kingsbury Green Primary School). Sunday 22 April, Sunday 29 April, Sunday 6 May. 9am-12pm. Booking essential  
[oklallotmentsassociation@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:oklallotmentsassociation@hotmail.co.uk)

### PLANNING YOUR SPRING AND SUMMER GARDEN

In this talk for adults, discover the issues caused by extreme weather and try to alleviate them with good planning and savvy gardening. The Library at Willesden Green. Tuesday 27 March. 6.30-7.30pm.

## SELF-DEVELOPMENT

### INTRODUCTION TO BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE SL3270

Learn the basics of British Sign Language with our expert tutor and examiner. After this course you can move on to the Level 1 qualification in BSL. Brent Start Stonebridge Centre, 1 Morland Gardens, NW10 8DY. Saturdays. 1-3pm.  
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## OVER 50s

### ELDERS VOICE YOGA CONNECTS

A gentle yoga and relaxation class for people over the age of 50 who want to stay fit and sharp! Suitable for all levels, the easy to follow poses can be practised in a chair as well as on a mat. Elders Voice, 181 Mortimer Road, Kensal Green, London. Thursdays. 1.30-2.30pm. £4 on the day, or pay 12 or 6 weeks in advance and receive a discount (£3.50 per class).  
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### ELDERS VOICE WALKING CLUB

Join Sherita on the 3rd Saturday of every month for an hour of walking in the great outdoors! Elders Voice, 181 Mortimer Road, Kensal Green, London. Saturdays, 10.30-11.30am. £2.50 per session.  
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## SPORT

### OUTDOOR GYM INDUCTIONS

There is an outdoor gym at most parks and large open spaces in the borough. These inductions with a qualified instructor are for people who would like to be shown how to use the equipment and help get them started on a healthier, more active lifestyle. Inductions take place at most locations once per month. Contact the Active lifestyle team on **020 8937 3707**, email [health-living@brent.gov.uk](mailto:health-living@brent.gov.uk) or visit [www.brent.gov.uk/outdoorgyms](http://www.brent.gov.uk/outdoorgyms)

### BOOTCAMP IN ROUNDWOOD PARK

A fitness boot camp session that mixes traditional calisthenic and body weight exercises, with interval and strength training. Roundwood Park, Harlesden Road, London NW10. Wednesdays. 6.30-7.30pm.

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Andy's group runs, as well as walking sessions, are fun, friendly and free for adults, guys and girls twice a week. One Tree Hill Park, Norton Road, Alperton, HA0 4QN. Tuesdays and Thursdays. 6.45-8pm.  
[runwithandy@gmail.com](mailto:runwithandy@gmail.com)

### HIPHOP WITH ELAN ARTS

Free dance sessions every Saturday for one hour. Yellow Pavilion, Wembley Retail Park, Engineers Way, HA9 0EG. Saturdays. 5.30pm-under 13s. 6.45pm-over 13s. 8pm-over 17s. [office@elanarts.org.uk](mailto:office@elanarts.org.uk)

### FLY GIRLS RUNNING COMMUNITY

Fly Girls Running Community is open to girls aged 14 and women only. It is a beginners to 2k run, however you can walk, jog, run, fly, depending on your ability. More advanced runners go on to 5k. Meeting point Brent Civic Centre, Wembley Stadium HA9 0WS. Sundays, 9-10am.  
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## Regeneration

# The changing face of Wembley Park

Wembley Park is changing, and by 2024 this new creative district for London will have 5,000 new homes for rent, new offices and workspace, new parks and public spaces, artist studios and a brand-new school.

**We caught up with Quintain, the developers behind Wembley Park, to find out why 2018 is set to be one of the most exciting years yet for the neighbourhood.**

### **A new creative community**

Second Floor Studios has opened 26 affordable artist studios in Wembley Park, which will become home to a variety of local artists, craft-makers and designers. Since their establishment in 1997, SFSA has been providing supportive environments in which artists can flourish and grow their talents. As well as offering affordable studios, Second Floor will also deliver a range of educational and outreach programmes, including workshops and exhibitions. This includes the time bank system where artists will set aside one hour a month to give back to the community by teaching them new skills.

### **Eat, drink, play, repeat!**

Wembley Park will be home to London's largest Boxpark to date, which will open later this year. It will have 27 new independent food and drink traders who will be bringing a range of flavour combinations to the area, adding to the already flourishing food and drink culture in Wembley Park.

Boxpark Wembley will also have a 20,000 sq ft dedicated events space and 300 capacity venue. Working together with emerging local artists and established talent from across the capital, Boxpark will further enhance Wembley Park's reputation as a vibrant, connected and emerging foodie destination.

### **Trees returning to Olympic Way**

Olympic Way is changing thanks to the planting of a new family of trees. Baumann's Horse Chesnut and Lobel Elm trees will line the newly revamped road and will help to reduce climate change.

### **The Yellow Pavilion gets a new home**

Yellow Pavilion, Wembley Park's social space, which is also delivered by Quintain, will be moving from its current home in Engineers Way to a brand-new building next to the Alto apartments on Exhibition Way.

This purpose-built space will feature a community hall, sports hall and conference rooms, and will build on the popularity of the classes and workshops in the existing Yellow Pavilion. You can download the latest programme of activities at

[www.wembleypark.com/yellow-pavilion](http://www.wembleypark.com/yellow-pavilion)

### **New for 2018**

Quintain has funded four new indoor rowing machines for local children to attend rowing classes at the Yellow Pavilion.

Run in partnership with London Youth Rowing, they are aimed at young people aged 11-15 and held every Monday between 4.30-5.30pm. For more information, contact Lawrence Farquharson at [lfarquharson@londonyouthrowing.com](mailto:lfarquharson@londonyouthrowing.com).

### **Date for your diary**

The Color Run is back in Wembley Park on Sunday 8 July.

You can book your tickets online at [www.thecolorrun.co.uk](http://www.thecolorrun.co.uk)

For more information about what's coming to Wembley Park, visit [www.wembleypark.com](http://www.wembleypark.com) and sign up for the newsletter. Also, you can follow Wembley Park on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook [@Wembleypark](https://www.facebook.com/Wembleypark)

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