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- Pride of Brent Youth awards
- GCSE and A Level exam results



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The children are the future

This summer we were once again celebrating some outstanding GCSE, A Level and BTEC results. I'd like to say a huge congratulations to all the pupils who have done so well and to the teachers, parents and carers who helped guide them along the way. I am proud of you all as there is nothing more important than ensuring all of our young people have every opportunity to succeed. You can read more about this year's amazing results on pages 24-27.

As we get nearer to 2020 and Brent's London Borough of Culture, I would like to shine a spotlight on the amazing young people we have in the borough. This year Brent Council held our first event Pride of Brent Youth Awards and I was so pleased to hand out some awards on the day. Young people from across the borough were recognised for the brilliant work they do to help the community. I'm excited to see what many of these people go on to do next. You can read more about winners' stories on page 16.

Not only are young people helping our community, they are also using their initiative and taking chances by striking out on their own. Starting a new business can be daunting at any age but the passion and dedication shown by the young entrepreneurs on page 28 can teach us all a lesson about following your dreams.

While violent crime continues to drop steadily in Brent, there is still more to do. Brent Council recently held a community event to bring together police, young people and residents to discuss possible solutions (see page 11).

Finally, in this issue there are also interviews with two inspirational men who are using their stories and their passions to help deter young people away from crime. Former Brent resident Mac told Your Brent all about how he is working with young people through his youth

movement BikeStormz (see page 32) and Amani tells the story about the horrific night where he was brutally attacked (page 30). Both men are passionate about helping to guide the next generation away from crime and towards something a lot more positive.

Clr Muhammed Butt
Leader of Brent Council



Up in smoke: trading standards crack down seizes illegal tobacco

More than 165 packets of illegal cigarettes, 150 cartons of illegal smokeless tobacco and 16 nicotine inhaling products were seized by the Brent Council trading standards following an event in July.

Visitors to a council organised illegal tobacco roadshow learned about the harmful effects of smoking shisha and tobacco, or consuming tobacco products such as paan, betel and chewing tobacco. Attendees were advised on the best ways to spot illegal tobacco and how to report it anonymously.

Pippa the sniffer dog, who helps trading standards and the police, by sniffing out illegal tobacco in Brent also made an appearance at the event.

"Consuming tobacco, in any of its forms, is a

habit we are keen to help people stop," said Clr Hiron, Brent Council's Cabinet Member for Public Health, Culture and Leisure. "This roadshow not only helped people understand the dangers associated with tobacco use, but also gave them the tools to report any suspicious activity relating to the selling of illegal tobacco products.

"I'm glad that the teams were able to seize illegal goods from the shops they visited in July. There is no excuse for selling illegal tobacco and with the help of residents, we will crack down on the shops who think this is ok."



New machine 'can fix 50 potholes a day' in London first

by David Gladwin

Twice as many potholes are set to be filled in Brent, as the borough becomes the first in the capital to adopt the widespread use of spray-injection patching to repair roads.

Brent Council and road repair specialists Velocity are pioneering the innovative approach, which tackles potholes and other road defects with minimal traffic disruption.

Using traditional methods, previously around 25 'excavate and fill' repairs could be finished every day. The new technique doubles this to more than 50 a day. The new faster process saves taxpayers' money and means road

closures aren't necessary – minimising delays for road users.

The rollout of spray-injection patching across the borough follows a successful trial where more than 70 of the borough's roads were repaired with positive feedback from residents.

Councillor Krupa Sheth, Brent Council's Cabinet Member for Environment, said: "Fixing potholes is key for us to help keep traffic in the borough moving and ensuring our roads are safe."

Velocity will be visiting every ward in the borough this year, spending on average two weeks in each.



Princilla Agyemang won the Jack Petchey competition

Kenton student wins grand final of public speaking competition

A Kenton school girl has beaten more than 20,000 teenagers to be crowned winner of Jack Petchey's nationwide public speaking competition.

Princilla Agyemang, from St Gregory's Catholic Science College, in Donnington Road, held her trophy in the air after winning the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge – the

largest youth speaking competition in the world.

Princilla's hard hitting speech about the daily struggles her friend and other LGBTQ members face after coming out wowed the audience of more than 1,000 people at the West End's Cambridge Theatre.

"So many people are hurt and ostracised," says Princilla. "So it's important that their issues are spoken about, addressed and changed. I hope that people will realise we are not as different as we seem; we share the same struggle and fight."

The "Speak Out" Challenge is designed to allow Year 10 students to develop their communication skills through a free workshop with 73% of students showing an increased ability to speak publicly and confidently.

SUFFERING FROM NUISANCE NOISE?

Did you know that you can now report noise nuisance quickly and easily via The Noise App? Download at www.thenoiseapp.com.

The council's out-of-hours noise nuisance service has recently changed. To meet the increased demand at weekends, officers will now be on hand to help between 6pm and 2am on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. If it can't wait, call 020 8937 1234 and press option 3 for emergencies.

LOCAL CRIME ALERTS STRAIGHT TO YOUR INBOX

OWL crime alerts launched in Brent earlier this year. By signing up, you'll get timely updates about incidents in your area direct from Police and council officers.

For more information, visit www.owl.co.uk

APPLY FOR FUNDS FOR YOUR LOCAL PROJECT IN BRENT!

You can soon apply for the Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL). Applications open on Tuesday 1 October and close on Sunday 1 December.

If you have a project you would like funding for or to find out more information, visit the webpage www.brent.gov.uk/ncil

DEEPEST CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to the families of former councillors Patricia Harrison, who represented Preston Road and John Detre, who represented Northwick Park. Patricia and John both sadly passed away in July.

DINOSAUR WORLD LIVE WINNER

Congratulations to Antony Trimikliniotis who won the tickets to Dinosaur World Live at the new Troubadour Theatre. Antony said: "Winning the competition was great. Our kids really enjoyed the show and we all learned something new. Also, it was really nice to have a theatre close to home and feel that we are getting involved in the local community."

Carlton and Granville revamp among best in London

by David Gladwin

Improvements to the Carlton and Granville buildings in South Kilburn have won two prizes at the prestigious New London Awards, which celebrate the best new architecture in the capital.

The redevelopment of The Granville, which was completed in April 2018, won the top community prize, while planned improvements to the building scooped the 'mixed-use' award.

The initial redevelopment of The Granville has created genuinely affordable work and event spaces for the local community. In its first year since opening, The Granville has welcomed more than 20,000 visits and hosted more than 400 community events. Around 30 local businesses have also benefitted from hiring affordable workspaces.

Work on the second phase of development,



The Granville, which was completed in April 2018, won the top community prize

which is due to start in 2020, are set to improve the facilities further and will include the Granville Plus nursery school, a children's centre, Enterprise Hub and new community facilities. Eighteen much-needed new council homes will also be built for Brent residents.

A spokesperson for the Carlton & Granville Key Stakeholder Group, which represents the users of the buildings, said: "The Carlton and Granville buildings are a treasured community resource that have been a huge part of South Kilburn for generations. We're thrilled that the four-year

partnership between local people and a diverse range of partners has been recognised."

The redevelopment of the Carlton and Granville buildings is part of the award-winning South Kilburn regeneration.

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



New network for Brent's creative community

In 2020, Brent becomes the London Borough of Culture, with concerts, exhibitions and performances to be staged across the borough. As well as a celebration of Brent, the year will include new initiatives to support artists and cultural organisations, leaving a legacy of more creative activities, spaces and events.

The Artist Network will deliver events for creatives throughout Brent to support professional development.

If you are involved in creative activity in the borough and would like to join the Artist Network, email info@lboc2020.com. The next meeting will be at the Ace Cafe on 25 September.



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Cleaner Derek Longuet with Willesden Green estate resident Jack Settle



Colourful new murals at Willesden Green and Church End have been unveiled thanks to funding from the Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL). The four murals, which were designed with local community groups, are part of a project to ensure that art, culture and heritage are at the heart of both town centres.



Improved cleaning on council estates goes ahead from September

Tenants and leaseholders who live on council housing estates in Brent will soon benefit from new and improved cleaning on their doorsteps.

Brent Caretaking Services will take over estate cleaning as the service comes back into direct council control from 15 September.

Born-and-bred Brent resident, Derek Longuet, has been a cleaner of Brent estates for 14 years. "I like the residents," Derek said. "I really like meeting people of all nationalities and walks of life. Residents tell me their stories. I also live on an estate so I know where people are coming from."

Caretakers will have better terms and conditions and the cleaning service will be more responsive to residents' concerns under the plans.

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

Landlord fined £66,000 after making tenants' lives a misery

A rogue landlord has been hit with a £60,170 fine and £6,000 court costs after being found guilty of making tenants' lives a misery through licensing breaches.

The whopping fine is the biggest Brent Council has secured to date and is a reflection of the truly appalling conditions tenants were living in.

Hugo Pulqueiro sent in the heavies to remove the belongings of one of his tenants and change the locks to kick her out after she complained of the deteriorating conditions inside the overcrowded flat she was sharing with six other tenants in High Road, Willesden.

Inside the four-bedroom flat Mr Pulqueiro, of Park Avenue Willesden Green, created a partition wall down the middle of two single rooms to create two illegal micro rooms that he rented out to more tenants.

Cllr Eleanor Southwood, Cabinet Member for Housing and Welfare Reform, said: "This is an absolutely shocking case and it's appalling that Mr Pulqueiro believed he could get away with such gross mistreatment of his tenants."

Report a rogue landlord anonymously at www.brent.gov.uk/reportaproperty



Celebrated authors turn a new page at Queens Park Book Festival

by Susan Pym

An exciting line-up of Brent authors, as well as nationally acclaimed writers, wowed the crowds at The Queens Park Book Festival in July.

Booker prize-winner Howard Jacobson, Simon Mayo and Bernadine Evaristo all attended London's only book festival held in a tented village in a public park.



Howard Jacobson reads from new novel *Live A Little* with Prof John Mullan



The popular and free Community Tent showcased a range of Brent writers including Yvonne Bailey-Smith, Sharmay Mitchell, Chrys Salt and Marina Cantacuzino. Award winning paediatrician and Queen's Park resident Professor Anthony Costello, spoke about his book and the work he does with mothers and new-born children in developing countries.

Two pupils from Malorees Junior School were presented with the first Queen's Park Book Festival Young Writers' award. Marcus Denny and Ibrahim Fida won the prize after writing a special preview of the festival which included an interview with the organiser of the community tent Hud Saunders.

The festival will return to Queens Park in 2020.

The sun sets on a wild summer

In the spring, Brent Council planted seeds in 22 parks, becoming the first London borough to create a bee corridor to boost biodiversity.

As the flowers and grasses blossomed, they attracted bees and other pollinating insects. Residents reported seeing an increase in different types of insects like the red tailed bumble bee, as well as bush crickets. One eagle-eyed observer even spotted a Marbled White butterfly – the first time the species has been seen for many years in Brent.

Cllr Krupa Sheth, Cabinet Member for Environment, said: "We've had brilliant feedback about our meadows and I've been so proud to see people from other areas looking to us as an example of what can be done to help bees and other insects to thrive. Throughout autumn, the grasses will be cut back to prepare the ground for spring but the meadows will be back again next year."



Did you get a great picture of meadow wildlife this summer? Submit your snaps to the Brent Wildlife Photography Competition by 31 October at www.brent.gov.uk/wildlife

Visitors have been enjoying Brent's wildflower meadows all summer



Wembley Central shows the love for summer festival

The Heart of Wembley festival continues to grow in popularity as music and dancing, arts and crafts for children, and an appearance from Shaun Wallace – star of quiz show *The Chase* – wowed the crowds in July.

Entertainment at the fourth annual event on Wembley High Road, included music from Afro-funk and Highlife band Odinani and Calypso music from Tobago Crusoe. Visitors enjoyed the sounds of the 1940s from Swing Dance Band Gentleman Tim and the Contenders, and the deep reverberating sounds of Dhol drumming from Dhol 2 Dhol.

Festival goers were also treated to the acrobatics of traditional African, Indian, Salsa, and Caribbean dance.



Underground electric charging points to be trialled in London first

by Sarah Whyte

Electric vehicle drivers, who don't have access to off street parking, will soon be able to charge their cars on more Brent streets, thanks to a trial of innovative new charging points.

State-of-the-art 'Trojan' electric chargers have a flush connection where the charge point is slotted into the ground. The charging points means there is no permanent

equipment or major street clutter, as the chargers are only at the pavement edge when the vehicle is charging.

Around 140 connections will be installed across Brent during the trial. These will eventually be installed up and down entire streets that don't have marked bays which will offer motorists more choice when it comes to parking and charging their vehicle.

Cllr Krupa Sheth (below left) said: "Electric cars don't produce harmful exhaust emissions and so are a much better choice to help improve air quality in Brent.

"We are glad that our growing electric car usage in the borough has been recognised by Innovate UK. Having access to this trial will be hugely beneficial to the 2,500 homes in Brent who already own electric cars."

Innovate UK, the UK's innovation agency, awarded funding to the Subsurface Technology for Electric Pathways (STEP) project.



Cllr Krupa Sheth

Ground-breaking approach to solving housing crisis scoops top awards



A creative remedy to the housing crisis has scooped the Innovation in Finance Award from the Municipal Journal and was highly commended at the Local Government Chronicle Awards.

More than 205 families have been housed by i4B Holdings Limited (i4B) – a company established by Brent Council in December 2016. Many of the families helped so far were from temporary B&B accommodation, meaning the approach has saved more than £600,000 while significantly improving living conditions for the families who have moved.

Cllr Margaret McLennan, Deputy Leader for Brent Council, said: "We're delighted to be recognised for the creative approach we've taken to making sure families have access to good quality, affordable accommodation."

Violent crime falling in Brent according to Police

by Tara Benham

More than 115 residents joined Police, community and council representatives to discuss violent crime at a public meeting in August. The Time to Talk event was organised after a number of violent incidents earlier in the summer.

Held at the Roundwood Youth Centre, Harlesden, the evening opened with a myth-busting quiz which showed that, despite high profile incidents being reported in the press, police figures show the number of knife crimes in Brent is down 31% over the past 12 months.

Attendees spoke open and honestly about their concerns challenging the panel to give more details around early intervention programmes and youth activities, as well as the level of policing in the borough.

The Police have introduced a

dedicated team to address violent offenders, while the council has been making better use of data and analysing trends to make sure agencies are able to intervene earlier. A recent £2.5m investment in CCTV across the borough means trained officers are using cameras to identify young people potentially at risk if seen with older known gang members.

Attendees were asked to think about what more could be done to reduce violent crime in Brent.

Cllr Tom Miller, Cabinet Member for Community Safety, said: "I'm grateful to everybody who turned out to join the conversation. There is no one solution, which is why we need to work together. The encouraging news is that serious violence is on the way down. We cannot afford to be complacent, but there is a lot of good work already

CRIME BY NUMBERS IN BRENT*



*In the 12 months to July 2019.
Source: Metropolitan Police data

happening that we can build on.

"We welcome fresh thinking and I encourage anyone who wants to work with us to give people alternatives to violence, to explore the community funding that is available for projects."

For more information about community project funding, go to Brent Council's website and search 'grants'.

Harlesden school awarded prestigious 'School of Sanctuary' status



Revd Leao Neto (far right), Chair of Brent Borough of Sanctuary, presented the award

Newman Catholic College (NCC) in Harlesden is the first London Secondary School to be awarded the prestigious School of Sanctuary status.

The Award is given to schools that are committed to being safe and welcoming places for all, especially those seeking sanctuary. Providing help to refugee families and pupils and putting on summer camps for refugee children are just two of the reasons the college received the award.

77 per cent of the pupils at NCC are from backgrounds where English is an additional language and more than 60 languages are spoken at the school which ensures that refugees, asylum seekers and their families feel welcome and supported.

Kilburn families celebrate

by Nadia Khan

Families from Kilburn celebrated the official opening of new community hub at a fun event for the whole family in July.

There was entertainment for all with face painting, a raffle, music from DJ Skitz and MC Rodney P, and lots of great food from around the world.

Since the Brent Hub Kilburn opened its doors in May, the Hub team have welcomed more than 900 people and resolved 817 enquiries.

Brent Hubs Kilburn combines services offered by Brent Council alongside other local organisations, making it much easier for residents to access everything in one place. The Hub is designed for those residents who might need extra support on a range of issues including housing, employment and benefits.

More hubs are set to be rolled out across Brent over the next two years. The next hubs will be based in Willesden, Ealing Road and Kingsbury libraries.

Brent Hubs Willesden will be open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 30 September.

For more information, including opening times, locations and what's on, visit: www.brent.gov.uk/brenthubs



Brent wins: new lottery to help local good causes

A £25,000 cash prize is up for grabs as part of a new Brent Community Lottery which is designed to raise money for good causes in Brent.

The community lottery is set to provide a cash boost for the borough's charity and community organisations who, along with the council, have faced significant funding cuts following years of Government led austerity.

Tickets start from only £1 a week with anyone who buys a ticket in with the chance of winning up to £25,000,

while raising money for a local good cause of their choice.

60% of cash raised will go straight to local organisations with the other 40% providing the prize fund for winners and covering VAT and the running of the draw.

"Community Lotteries are already being used successfully by more than 50 other councils across the country," says Councillor Muhammed Butt, Leader of Brent Council. "We have now been given the go ahead to follow this positive trend to help support the voluntary and community

sector and provide them with access to news sources of funding. We hope Brent residents will take part knowing that they are supporting their local charity or good cause as well as having the added incentive of winning some cash."

Brent Council will be holding a launch event for Brent voluntary organisations and good causes in October. Tickets for the lottery will be on sale in the Autumn 2019. Keep an eye on www.brent.gov.uk and social media for more details.

Hub opening



Kilburn residents with the Mayor, Leader and Deputy Leader at the opening of the newest community hub

Digital health community hub opens in Wembley



The new digital hub is now open at The Wembley Practice

A new Digital Health Community Hub to help residents who struggle to understand digital technology and how it can benefit their health and care has opened in Wembley.

Free to use, the new digital hub, on Chaplin Road, aims to support patients to improve their IT skills such as creating an email address and learning how to find local health and care services online.

St Raph's residents working with architect on estate redesign



Cllr Eleanor Southwood

Award-winning architects, Karakusevic Carson, have started working with St Raphael's residents on plans for the future of the estate.

The company was selected after a unique community event where residents quizzed potential architects. Residents' opinions on the architects' past experience and how they would work with the community were used to make the final decision.

Karakusevic Carson specialises in designing social housing and public

buildings and have previously worked with Brent Council on the award winning redevelopment of South Kilburn.

Cllr Eleanor Southwood, Brent Council's Cabinet Member for Housing & Welfare Reform, said: "We committed to making sure that development of options for the future of St Raphael's would be community led. The process to appoint Karakusevic Carson is an example of this in action."

More than 100 residents came along to a follow up event to meet the teams from Karakusevic Carson. St Raph's residents showed the architects around their estate, sharing what they like about the area and suggesting ideas for improvements.

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

New rail line to cut journey times and support new homes and jobs



Proposals for a new West London Orbital railway line which would link Brent Cross, Old Oak, and the Great West Corridor, are progressing following a business case published by Transport for London (TfL) in June.

The recommended rail line would form part of the London Overground network, connecting a number of existing lines to create a brand-new route for West and North London. The line would run from Hendon and West Hampstead to Kew Bridge and Hounslow, stopping at Brent Cross West, Neasden, Harlesden, Old Oak Common, Acton and Brentford.

It's expected the West London Orbital line would significantly reduce journey times between areas, such as Harlesden and Brent Cross, and give commuters greater choice and convenience when travelling across West London. The line is also projected to support the delivery of between 8,800 and 30,000 new homes and

space for 23,000 jobs.

Cllr Shama Tatler, Brent Council's Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Property & Planning said: "The West London Orbital line would be an excellent addition to the already great public transport offering in the borough. We want more people to use public transport as it helps to reduce congestion and it improves air quality. We know that where there are good transport links, people are more likely to use public transport.

"A new line would provide not only transport benefits, but will also provide new jobs and homes for people, so I am excited to see that the line is progressing at a good pace."

Brent Council is one of seven London councils working with TfL and the West London Alliance (WLA) on the West London Orbital.

Wembley Park Market opens



Wembley Park Market is open Tuesday to Saturday 11am-7pm and Sundays 11am-5pm

Inspired by the area's market trade heritage, Wembley Park Market brings together world-class independent brands to offer unique products and a one-of-a-kind shopping experience.

There is everything from lifestyle brands to fashion pieces, delicious food to incredible art and there is the odd wellness brand as well.

One in three EU citizens in Brent have registered for the settlement scheme. Have you?

New government figures show Brent has the highest number of EU citizens in the country registered through the settlement scheme, above Birmingham and other London boroughs.

In total, 22,330 Brent EU nationals have applied for settled or pre-settled status – a third (34%) of the people who will need to register before June 2021 (or December 2020 in the event of no deal).

Brent Council has held a number of events providing information and reassurance to EU residents and prioritised the promotion of the scheme.

Cllr Tom Miller, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Engagement, said: "We pride ourselves on the diverse range of people that call our borough home, including our large community of EU nationals. While there's still so much uncertainty surrounding Brexit, we're clear that we need to do our bit to arm EU residents with the information they need."



Willesden Green flying the flag for London in GB High Street awards



Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Property and Planning:

"Being the only place in London to get shortlisted for a Great British High Street Award goes to show not only what a fantastic and brilliant place Willesden Green is, but what can be achieved by working together with residents, businesses and the local town team.

"It's not only home to our flagship library but an incredibly diverse range of local businesses too, making it a destination of choice not just for local residents, but for people across London.

"Now it's over to the judges and the public vote, which could of course really be the difference in winning or not, so I'd encourage everyone in the borough to get behind Willesden Green as it flies the flag for London and let's bring this Great British High Street award home to Brent."

You can vote for Willesden Green until the 7 October online at www.thegreatbritishhighstreet.co.uk

Willesden Green has been revealed as the only High Street in London to be shortlisted for a national award celebrating High Streets.

The popular shopping destination, known for its boutique café's, delis, craft beer bars and Japanese, Mexican and Turkish restaurants, will go up against other high streets from across

the United Kingdom in the 'Rising Star' category of the Great British High Street Awards 2019.

Judges will now visit each of the shortlisted areas, before their scores are added to those given through a public vote, and an overall winner in the Rising Star category is announced.

Cllr Shama Tatler, Brent Council's

St Raph's growing together



An edible garden for residents to get together and grow food in St Raphael's Estate has now opened.

The plot, which was officially unveiled by the Mayor of Brent in August, hosts a chicken coop, fruit tree orchard and wildlife pond and offers a range of green-fingered activities for the whole community to enjoy.

The land was transformed by volunteers from Sufra NW, the local food bank charity.

The Mayor of Brent, Cllr Ernest Ezeajughi, said: "This garden will be an excellent space for the community to have fun, socialise and relax. I am excited for residents to have the opportunity to grow food and get chatting to someone new."

For more information visit www.sufra-nwlondon.org.uk

Young heroes celebrated

Inspirational young people have been celebrated at the first Pride of Brent Youth Awards. Sarah Whyte caught up with the winners



The new awards recognise some of the brilliant young role models who are helping to make a positive difference in their communities. All the winners were invited to The Drum at Brent Civic Centre to collect their awards at a glamorous ceremony in July.

Guests were treated to an inspirational speech by Brent's very own "Chaser", TV star Shaun Wallace and enjoyed a performance by local group Impact Dance and the stunning vocal talents of Aysha Loren.

Kiana Duncan-Millwood, was nominated over 14 times for her bravery, determination and resilience following an accident which happened on her first day at secondary school. Kiana was knocked down by a car near her school and suffered a bleed on her brain. Partly home schooled until April when she was well enough to go back part time, Kiana will be returning to school full time this September.

Kiana's mum Cynthia said: "Kiana's accident was a horrific start to her first year at secondary school. Her confidence took a knock following her accident but she has been doing really well with her physical therapy, she has started playing golf again and she was recently chosen to be a prefect at school.

"I'm so glad that other people have seen all the progress she has made and nominated her for Pride of Brent Youth Award. I think it's a great initiative and I look forward to seeing many more young people celebrated in the years to come."

Kiana Duncan-Millwood said: "To know what I have won an award is amazing. This award will remind me to be strong and that goes for everyone, just because you haven't won an award it doesn't mean that you are not strong, all you need to do is smile, chin up and practise on your confidence."

Brent Council worked with local community groups Love Chalkhill Festival CIC and the Jason Roberts Foundation to put on the ceremony.



Kiana Duncan-Millwood

HIGHLY COMMENDED

GROUPS

GROUP VOLUNTEER AWARD

Homework Club at Barham Community Library



Homework Club at Barham

GROUP COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD

Hendon Youth FC – Hendon Youth FC promote football as a means of enhancing health education, learning opportunities and local community involvement. As part of their commitment to helping and supporting local residents, the club encourages its young members to get involved in a huge range of projects.



Hendon Youth FC

INDIVIDUALS

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

**Francis Bradish
Macsen Brown**

Francis Bradish

AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SPIRIT

**Denisa Elysa Valentina Stincanu
Jaynie Shah**



MOST IMPROVED PERSONS OF THE YEAR

Luis Bardhoshi – Luis had a difficult start to life in his native Albania and travelled to the UK on his own without speaking a word of English, a language he is now comfortable with. Luis is a role model and mentor to the younger children in his school.



Luis Bardhoshi

Mohamad Ahmad Al Aksh

ROLE MODEL OF THE YEAR

**Sateesh Selvradjou
Zac Grainger Smith**

Shaun Wallace, of *The Chase* fame, introduced the awards



The Mayor of Brent addresses the guests at the award ceremony in The Drum, Wembley



WINNERS

GROUPS

GROUP VOLUNTEER AWARD

Brent Young People Thrive

GROUP COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD

London Citizens Group at Newman Catholic College

GROUP SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Youth Stories of Brent Film-Makers

INDIVIDUALS

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Hanad Nur

Jerome Benklani

Lukas Mitchell – Lukas has been volunteering with The Friends of the Welsh Harp for over two years and is a committed and valuable member of the group. Lukas was nominated for his initiative, spirit and the time and effort he spends organising litter pick-ups around the area.

Lukas Mitchell

AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Kallum Clarke

Rahma Mohammed

Thierry Delius

Jordan Carder

Nathan Carder

Community Spirit Award Winners

MOST IMPROVED PERSON OF THE YEAR

Hasanain Hadeer Al Qaysi
Mekhi Reid

Mekhi Reid

ROLE MODEL OF THE YEAR

Giovanna Goulart
Dwight Okeke
Kieran Matthews

YOUNG LEADER OF THE YEAR

Aleena Majeed
Baqeer About
Falhat Husein
Bisharo Mohammed

Aleena Majeed

– Bisharo joined the OK Club around a year ago and her passion for helping others shone through, she has since become a Junior Leader at the club. Bisharo has been instrumental in bringing other young people of Somali heritage into the club and has had a positive influence on other young members of the club and how they respect and treat each other.

Bisharo Mohammed

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Kathan Dudhela
Kiana Duncan-Millwood
Obsa Jamal
Nia Wedderburn-Goodison

For the full album of the event and pictures of all the winners, go to [flickr.com/photos/brentcouncil](https://www.flickr.com/photos/brentcouncil)

Poetry in motion

Ex St Raph's Estate resident George the Poet talks to David Gladwin about his new film, shining a light on the future of the area he grew up in

My favourite memories of growing up on St Raph's were of running around the green, open spaces and climbing trees with my friends. We were all from different backgrounds. It's only now I have realised, through researching my current project, a short film about the future of the estate, that Brent is London's most diverse borough."

"I've made this film because I wanted to help allay fears and make sure people had access to the information they needed. It's close to my heart. I want to help people move forward with optimism.

"I've learnt that there are a variety of people and perspectives involved. To be reminded of, and to directly see, people's passion for their community has been incredibly moving.

"It's not every day you get to capture a moment in time for a neighbourhood. It's been a privilege. Listening to people talk with nostalgia about their personal and family histories, and how both are entwined with the place they call home, has been an education in itself.

"So, what does community mean to me? I think it's a feeling of shared responsibility for the place you live. It's not to be taken lightly, and isn't a commodity that can be bought or sold.

"My hope for the future of St Raph's is that there will be more constructive activities for young people and more communal spaces for people of all ages. I want it to be a place where people can socialise, and to spend their leisure time, not just live.

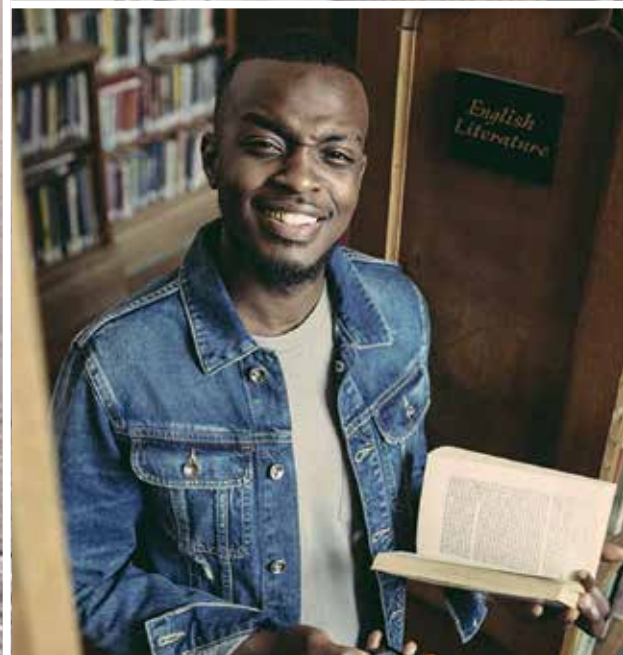
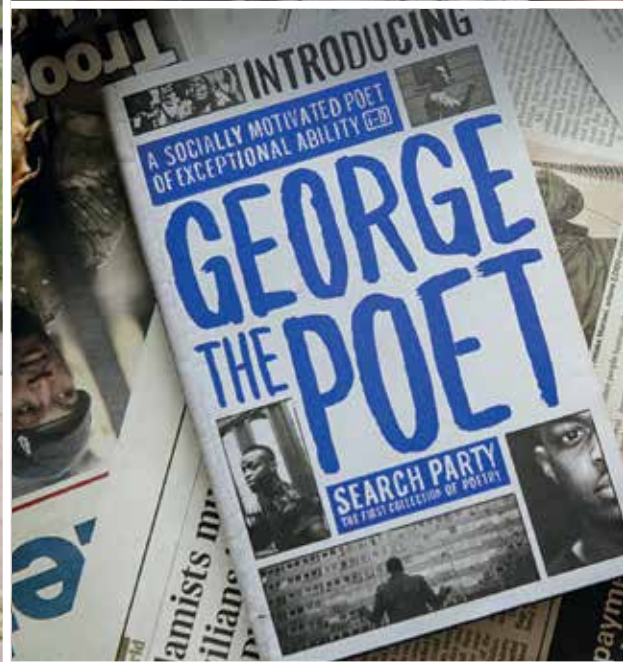
"I hope that this film will encourage people of all ages and backgrounds to get involved in the process and have their say."

George the Poet is a spoken word performer of Ugandan heritage. His innovative brand of musical poetry has won him critical acclaim both as a recording artist and a social commentator.

Born in Neasden, he lived with his parents and three siblings on the St Raphael's Estate from birth until attending university. His film premiered at a community day held on St Raphael's Estate on Saturday 31 August. You can watch it at www.georgethepoet.com.



George the Poet wants people to move forward with optimism about the St Raph's future changes



South Kilburn

**YOUR HOME
YOUR VOICE
YOUR VOTE**

South Kilburn is changing, writes David Gladwin, as an award-winning regeneration programme transforms the neighbourhood. This autumn, residents are set to decide on the future of their community

Walking through South Kilburn, it's clear that major change is underway. You can hear it in the laughter of children as they run around the carefully

landscaped Woodside Urban Park. And you can see it in the stylish homes that sit opposite on Walbrook Court.

The award-winning regeneration is already halfway through. It will create a

total of 2,400 new high quality homes in the area. At least 1,400 will be brand new affordable council homes for existing council tenants and households in temporary accommodation.

A friendly, safe place to live

The new homes will be the right size for families and in all cases at least as big, or bigger, than existing homes in the neighborhood. New community facilities will also make South Kilburn a friendlier, more inclusive place to live.

More new parks and open spaces



Improved community and enterprise spaces



New primary school building



Better connected streets



New health centre, part of the Peel development



Better cycling facilities, including lanes, parking and hire



New shops



Electric car charging points



Improved Granville Plus Nursery School



Lower energy bills in new homes



1,400

new homes for existing council tenants and households living in temporary accommodation



A community vision

The community has always been at the heart of the plans to create new homes. Early on it was established that, to create the type of place where residents wanted to live, completely regenerating South Kilburn would be necessary. Over 470 residents contributed to the 2016 Masterplan for the regeneration. The design of each new building continues to be shaped by the involvement of the community.

In the last 18 months, we have:

Spoken directly to

500
people



Held

61



events including meetings, design workshops and public exhibitions

Facilitated

youth film
music

and projects for local young people



9



Provided work-based training opportunities for local young people



Hereford House & Exeter



Ely Court



Woodhouse Urban Park

More new council homes for Gloucester and Durham

The regeneration was given a further boost this summer, as the council reached a deal to provide 235 high-quality, affordable council homes in the Gloucester and Durham development. It is planned to take three years to complete, with the first new council homes handed over in stages from 2020.

Residents to have their say

From three weeks from 20 September eligible residents have the chance to vote on whether they would like the South Kilburn regeneration programme to continue.

The ballot will be the ninth of its kind in London, since Mayor Sadiq Khan introduced new rules giving residents the final say on major regeneration projects.

If voting yes, eligible council tenants and households in temporary accommodation will get a new home on the estate, or the option to move to another council home elsewhere in Brent if they prefer.

Councillor Shama Tatler, Brent Council's Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Property & Planning, said: "The South Kilburn programme has always been a community vision.

That's why it's so important that everyone uses their voice, and their vote, to tell us if they continue to support the plans."

VOTE YES!

20 September
- 14 October

For more information go to
www.brent.gov.uk/southkilburn

"I've watched it all happen. I cannot complain with what I've seen so far. It's beautiful."



"It's changing for the better. It will be good for more people to get new places, and to look after them."

"I think it's going to be a good place to live, especially for kids."



"It would change our lives, having more space and giving the children somewhere extra to play."



First 2020 Culture Fund projects announced

The 2020 Culture Fund is a £500k scheme supporting local people and groups in Brent to lead their own cultural activities. The first 14 projects to receive funding have been chosen

The Brent 2020 team have announced the first 14 projects to be supported by the 2020 Culture Fund, a £500,000 grant programme for local people and organisations to lead their own cultural activities as part of Brent's year as London Borough of Culture. Successful applicants were selected by a community panel.

Artists, creatives, community groups and cultural organisations based or working in Brent are invited to apply for funding. The deadline for applications for Round Two is 16 September 2019. A third and final round will launch on 16 January 2020 with a deadline of 16 March 2020. For more information visit www.brent2020.co.uk.

BOLDER NOT OLDER

A programme of free dance classes for adults aged 65+, taking place in Brent's care homes, sheltered accommodation and community centres, produced by DanceWest.

BRENT UK UNSIGNED FESTIVAL

A series of performances by unsigned artists, each describing the story of how their community came to be established in Brent. Organised by SABA.

CULTURE CLICK

This project will engage and document the local community through a new photography series led by Skylight Brent, the local homelessness charity run by Crisis UK.

THE HARLESDEN & WILLESDEN PHOTOGRAPHY ARCHIVE

A comprehensive unseen archive of photographs, curated by Roy Mehta, documenting everyday life in Brent in the late 1980s, to be recovered and displayed in an exhibition at The Library at Willesden Green.

THE HOUSE OF LIFE

The House of Life is inviting artists to respond to the extraordinary history of the 21-acre Willesden Jewish Cemetery and create new experiences for people from all backgrounds to enjoy.

LEAP INTERGENERATIONAL ARTS

A series of community outreach projects which will see primary



OTHER CINEMAS

BOLDER NOT OLDER

schools, day-care centres and artists work together to produce a creative project, from exhibitions and recordings to live performance.

A LIFETIME'S WORK

A photography project by Jude Wacks documenting local businesses around Brent, celebrating the history, entrepreneurship and community contribution of family firms across the borough.

MAPPING BRENT

A Kiln Theatre community outreach project working with young people from every corner of the borough, giving them a platform to tell their stories, showcase their talents, and participate in the transformative power of theatre.

MASS STEEL ORCHESTRA & GREY PANTHERS OF PAN

A series of intergenerational steel pan workshops and performances run by Phoenix Rising, taking place in public spaces around Brent and inspired by the borough's rich musical heritage.

MEMORY BANK

A series of short screenings of vintage, amateur films presented in a pop-up analogue screening space in the borough.

OTHER CINEMAS

A curated programme of screenings and events, delivered by Other Cinemas, showcasing filmmakers of colour, as well as films that speak to the experiences of Brent's diverse communities.

QUEER EAST FILM FESTIVAL

A programme of films celebrating queer stories from east and south east Asia, curated by The Culture Laboratory, aiming to raise awareness of the Asian LGBTQ+ community and highlight Brent's cultural diversity.

SLAM FOR BRENT

A programme of slam poetry and spoken word workshops for young people, led by The Poetry Society and professional slam poets, concluding with a public performance.

20:20 YOUTH RADIO

A new two-hour fortnightly radio programme run by Bang Media that aims to provide skills training to the young people of Harlesden, whilst also providing a forum for cultural issues to be discussed.

THE HOUSE OF LIFE



MAPPING BRENT



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THE HARLESDEN & WILLESDEN PHOTOGRAPHY ARCHIVE



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QUEER EAST FILM FESTIVAL



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BRENT UK UNSIGNED FESTIVAL



ANOTHER GREAT YEAR FOR BRENT STUDENTS

A LEVEL AND GCSE RESULTS ARE IN!

This summer, thousands of young people received their A Level, BTEC and GCSE results. We spoke to a few Brent students about their results and hopes for the future



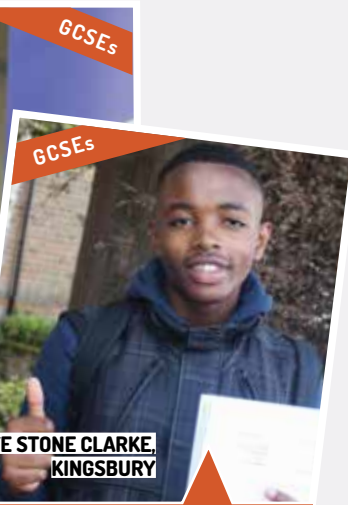
JESSICA KERAJ,
ARK ACADEMY

"I'm actually really happy. I'm going to Queen Mary University of London to do International Relations. My family is proud of me and my mum is really happy that I got into that university."



MARTYNA LIPA,
CREST ACADEMY

"I got two 9s, five 8s, one 7, one 6 and one A* and I think that hard work really does pay off and if you want to do well in your GCSEs then you really do need to work hard."



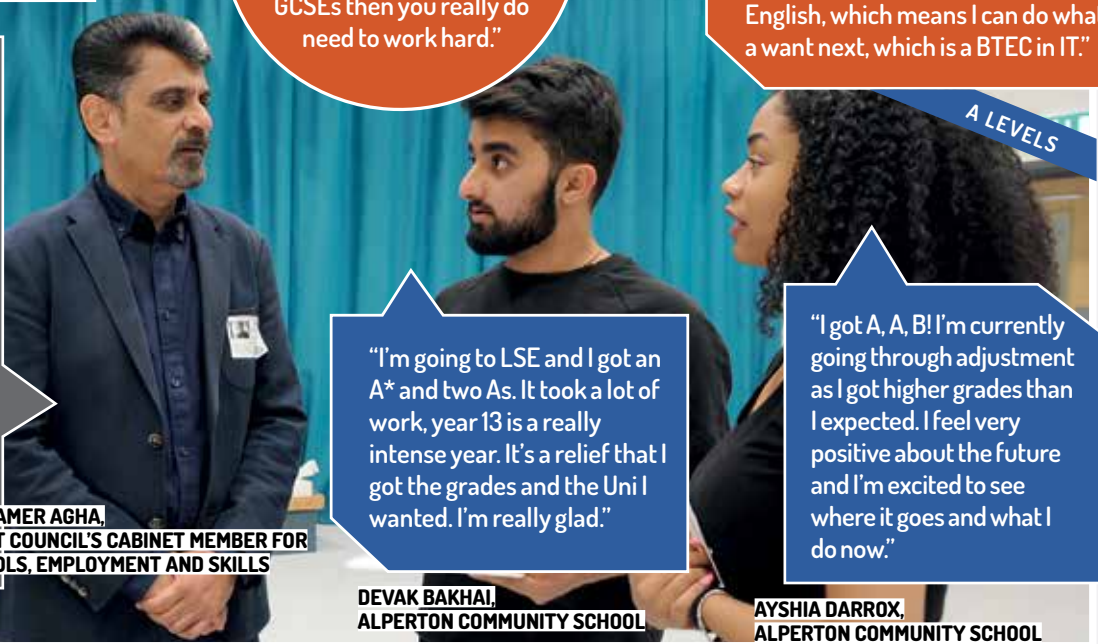
ACKOYE STONE CLARKE,
KINGSBURY

"I am proud because I tried and I passed the necessary subjects. I got the grades I needed in Maths and English, which means I can do what I want next, which is a BTEC in IT."



CLLR AMER AGHA,
BRENT COUNCIL'S CABINET MEMBER FOR
SCHOOLS, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS

"Congratulations to everyone involved in achieving these brilliant results. I know how hard students and their teachers work to achieve these grades so I am delighted that so many got the rewards they deserve. I am incredibly proud of the fantastic schools in Brent and the support they provide to ensure our young people have every opportunity to succeed."



"I'm going to LSE and I got an A* and two As. It took a lot of work, year 13 is a really intense year. It's a relief that I got the grades and the Uni I wanted. I'm really glad."

DEVAK BAKHAL,
ALPERTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL

"I got A, A, B! I'm currently going through adjustment as I got higher grades than I expected. I feel very positive about the future and I'm excited to see where it goes and what I do now."

AYSHIA DARROX,
ALPERTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL

EARN NTS

A LEVELS



GCSEs

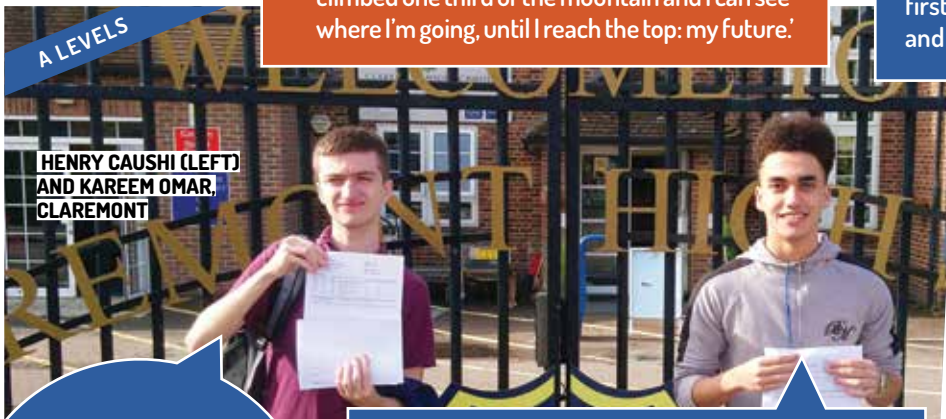
**HITAXI MUKESH,
ARK ELVIN**

'I got really good grades, I'm really proud of it because I actually passed my English even though it's not my first language. It's like I've climbed one third of the mountain and I can see where I'm going, until I reach the top: my future.'



**PRIYAL VALA,
ALPERTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

"I got an A, B, B in Maths, Physics and Economics. I'm heading to Bristol to study Economics and Finance and I'm really happy cos that was my first choice. The school has been really great and I'm happy to have passed!"



A LEVELS

**HENRY CAUSHI (LEFT)
AND KAREEM OMAR,
CLAREMONT**

'I got 5 A* and A grades. The first thing I thought is 'I'm going to Cambridge - wow!' It is going to be intense but enjoyable. It's amazing!'

'When I opened the envelope I was overcome with feelings of shock and delight. I got 4 A*s and As. Even though I knew I worked hard, to see my achievements account for something on paper after this tough year was unmatched. I was extremely grateful for the incredible support and dedication of my teachers.'



**TANIA EYNOLLAHI,
KINGSBURY**

GCSEs

'I did well. I feel so much better now, I can sleep at night! I was worried and scared I was going to fail. I will go on to do my A-levels now and take English Literature and Psychology here at Kingsbury.'



GCSEs

**XAVIER WALKER,
KINGSBURY**

"I passed most of my subjects and I feel I did really well. Over the summer, I thought I have already done the effort, I have put in the work, and there's nothing I can do to change it so whatever the result is, is what it is. Opening the envelope this morning, I was proud. I did better than I expected to do."



A LEVELS

**MARISA CORREIA,
CONVENT OF JESUS AND MARY**

"I got three Bs in biology, chemistry and French. I hope to go on to study veterinary medicine in Portugal. A Levels were a tough journey but I made it and I hope everyone else did well."



A LEVELS

**HEBA MUSHATTAT,
ARK ACADEMY**

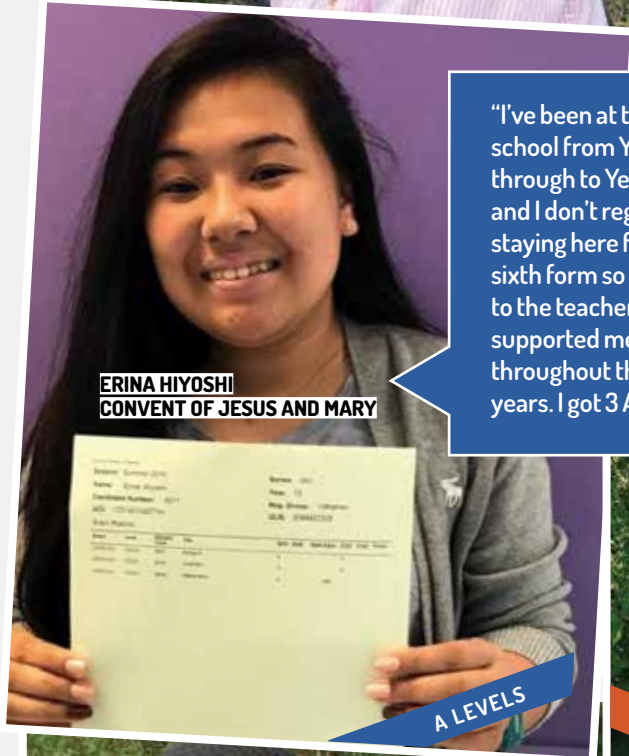
"My requirements were A, A, A to get into St George's University to study medicine. I'm really happy with the grades I got. I put all my time and effort into studying. I've wanted to be a consultant doctor ever since I was a little girl."



A LEVELS

**DENISA LASKU,
CAPITAL CITY ACADEMY**

A English, A Maths, B History
"I'm delighted with my results and extremely relieved to be able to accept my first choice University. I'm going to Southampton to study marketing and I'm especially looking forward to my placement year where I hope to study abroad."



**ERINA HIYOSHI
CONVENT OF JESUS AND MARY**

"I've been at this school from Year 7 through to Year 13 and I don't regret staying here for sixth form so thanks to the teachers who supported me throughout the years. I got 3 As!"

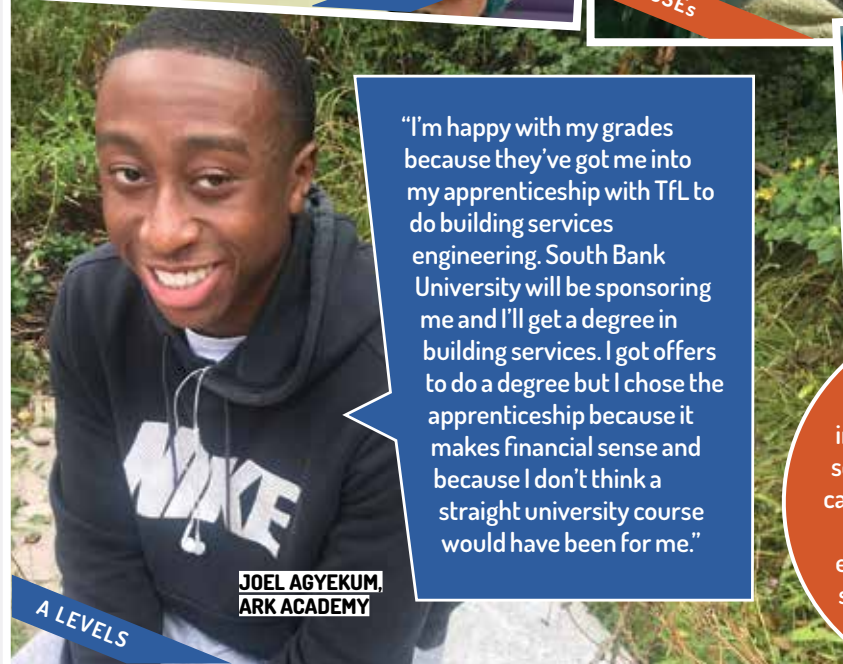
A LEVELS



**ARABELLA PARMAR,
CLAREMONT**

"I'm really happy with my results. It's even better than I expected. I've got an orchestral place at Camden School for Girls so I'm going there. I'm really excited but sad to be leaving Claremont at the same time. All my teachers have been so amazing and supportive"

GCSEs



**JOEL AGYEKUM,
ARK ACADEMY**

"I'm happy with my grades because they've got me into my apprenticeship with TFL to do building services engineering. South Bank University will be sponsoring me and I'll get a degree in building services. I got offers to do a degree but I chose the apprenticeship because it makes financial sense and because I don't think a straight university course would have been for me."

A LEVELS



**ALI MOSA,
CREST ACADEMY**

"I got very good grades including a 9 in maths, 9's in science and an 8 in Spanish. I can't thank the school enough as they've given me lots of excellent opportunities and some really great teaching!"

GCSEs

A LEVELS

NEJMA OSMAN AND SUMEYA HARARE
CAPITAL CITY

Sumeya said "I'm delighted to accept my first choice to study an Extended Degree in Science. I'm very happy with my results."

Going on to study Computer Science with a year in industry at Queen Mary's. "What Hrithik said!"

Going on to study Maths with Financial Economics at Queen Mary's. "I'm really happy with my results. My college highlight was definitely Further Maths because we were in such a small class - there were only two of us, and the other person was my best friend Antonio."

A LEVELS

ANTONIO CARAGHEORGHE (LEFT) AND HRITHIK CARSANE (RIGHT),
CAPITAL CITY ACADEMY

GCSEs

RICHELLE DIAS,
ARK ELVIN

'I feel very proud of myself, I wasn't expecting a 9 in English but I have one now so I feel very accomplished. My hard work paid off, so I feel good. I'm going to St Dominic's Sixth Form College in Harrow and I'm excited to go there. I'm just proud in general of the revision I did and the hard work and determination that I put into my work.'

A LEVELS

ZABELLA PARZYCH,
CONVENT OF JESUS AND MARY

"I just received my A Level grades and got 2 A*s and 2 As. I come from Poland and have had quite a rough journey throughout the years so it's unbelievable for me how far I have come and the grades that I have received. Now I'm preparing to go to Essex University to study Psychology and I'm very excited!"

GCSEs

CAMAHRI BAILEY,
CLAREMONT

"I'm pretty happy, I'm quite shocked - in a good way. Especially with my Maths result. I worked hard."

CORI TRILLO CAMPBELL,
CLAREMONT

"To be honest I think I did well. I'm shocked at one or two results but it's definitely in a good way. Overall I'm satisfied with them."

JUDE PILGRIM,
CLAREMONT

"I did quite well some of the subjects I was a mark or 2 off of the next grade give it a few days and it should be amended. Apart from that I achieved what I wanted to so overall today was a success."

Brent means business

Young entrepreneurs in Brent are striking out on their own. Two start-ups are looking to shake up the marketplace

Na'ariyah Kamare Hall, from Cricklewood, has been working on her own ventures since the tender age of five when she started her YouTube channel. More recently, Na'ariyah has pursued another one of her passions and she is now the proud owner of a slime business.

Na'ariyah said: "I like slime because it's creative. I enjoy the science behind it and slime is constantly evolving. So there's always something new to try."

"It has been a bit challenging working with slime. It can be quite hard learning how to make slime in the UK as we don't have access to many of the American ingredients.

"I think everyone should explore what they are passionate about. Don't be afraid to ask for help."

Another industry which has seen a rise in the number of young businesses owners is the food and drink industry. David Lebbe, Donta Chambers and Joshua Hall, from Harlesden, Stonebridge and Burnt Oak, recently started their business Drip Punch with the money they won in a competition at their local youth club.

Joshua said: "I started Drip Drinks with David and Donta. The first flavour was one of my Grandma's recipes and I thought it was tasty enough to make it an established drink.

"For us, having a good business idea was the easy part. Bringing Drip Punch to life is where it gets hard so we have had to stay persistent and dedicated."

Kamare's Crazy Kreation's



Na'ariyah's slime comes in a variety of colours



Drip Drinks are available in over 40 locations

'I think everyone should explore what they are passionate about. Don't be afraid to ask for help.'

In less than a year, Drip Punch have expanded their range by adding three more flavours and are also stocked in over 40 shops across London, including One Stop and Mum's takeaway's in Harlesden, and Peppers and Spice in Dalston.

Joshua added: "The biggest challenge for us has been increasing our production to cope with the demand. Early on in our journey we were told to think big and do a lot of research which we've tried to do. I'm so glad we've been able to make a business out of recipes handed down by my grandma with a special touch of my own little magic."

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Amani Simpson nearly died after a knife attack, but is now using his experience to help others

Choose life

Amani Simpson was repeatedly stabbed in a brutal attack in 2011. Now, he's turned his hand to entrepreneurship, film-making, and inspiring the next generation. Tara Benham went to meet him

"I was stabbed seven times and now I want to empower young people"

The 29-year old, who went to nursery school in Brent, admits that he made some bad choices as a teenager. Caught up in drug dealing along county lines, his life was going in the wrong direction.

Amani's stabbing made him determined to empower young people to form better habits. Released earlier this year, the short film *Amani*, which is based on his life, has been viewed more than two million times on YouTube. Now he tours schools speaking to young people about the risks of getting caught up in crime and violence.

Stabbed seven times Amani said: "Everywhere I was stabbed my doctor said I should have been dead or disabled. I left the hospital 24 hours after I got stabbed, so physically it could

have been a lot worse. But that didn't mean it was easy to recover from. It took me five years to rebuild myself. I had to deal with and overcome mental health issues like stress, anxiety, and post-traumatic stress disorder, as well as the fear of being attacked again."

The *Amani* film, which features rising star Jovian Wade in the title role, focuses on some of the choices Amani made when he was younger. Many young people say they don't have any choice but to carry a knife. Amani disagrees: "They do have a choice. I

understand why they say that because they haven't learnt about the other options. I always give them an alternative. Like self-defence, which teaches the right mindset – how to be resilient and how to walk away.

"Young people need to know that the small choices they make can have a massive outcome. They need to understand their own habits and how they think and behave in different situations. Rather than being fixed about things and saying this can't change they need to adopt a mind-set that asks what are the possibilities.

"That's why the *Amani* film shows me starting my property business because I want young people to see that the skills I had on the street were the same skills I used to build a business. I want them to take something away, something they can use."

Although knife crime is falling in Brent (see page 11) we asked Armani what more can be done to reduce violent crime further.

"I believe in early intervention and positive role models. We need to make sure that young minds are resilient. There are so many people that are doing great things, but they've moved out and they're in nice houses now and they forget where they come from. But they're needed. Learn, earn, return – everyone can do their bit to show young people different pathways." Watch the *Amani* film on YouTube.



Amani, starring Jovian Wade, has been viewed two million times on YouTube



Amani working with pupils in Brent schools

Many organisations across London and the UK are working to tackle youth violence. If you or somebody you know is affected, here are some resources that may help.

- Fearless.org is a site where young people can access non-judgemental information and advice about crime and report information 100% anonymously.
- The Brent Family Front Door can help if you think a young person might be at risk. Call on 020 8937 4300 (9am–5pm). Outside of these hours, the emergency duty team can be contacted on 020 8863 5250.
- The most important thing is to tell someone who can help, so you can also speak to a police officer, teacher, or your doctor. If anybody is in immediate danger, always call 999.

'Young people need to know that the small choices they make can have a massive outcome.'

Riders on the

Stormzy recently became the first Black British male solo performer to headline Glastonbury and alongside him were some of the riders from youth group BikeStormz. Sarah Whyte reports

Mac co-founded BikeStormz in 2015

BikeStormz is the biggest underground youth movement in the UK. Founded in 2015 by former Brent resident Mac Ferrari-Guy and his friend Jake O'Neill, BikeStormz events bring together young people from all around London and the UK as they ride through the streets in unity. The motto "knives down, bikes up" perfectly describes the aim of the movement, which is to get young people to stand up against knife crime, violence and injustice, while also taking part in something which can help them to make friends, learn new skills, keep fit and have fun.

Co-founder Mac said: "I worked with a lot of young people and could see that some of them needed something to keep them occupied and off the streets. I used to ride a motorbike and a lot of kids were inspired by that but couldn't do it themselves, so I decided to get off my motorbike and on to a push bike to get into their world and support their two-wheel passion."

The first BikeStormz event in 2015 attracted around 500 people. The last event, which took place on in June, saw more than 8,000 people come together to ride through the streets of London. The riders included young people, community leaders and Stormzy.

Mac said: "It's crazy how big the movement is now. I use social media a lot and so do the young people so it's grown from there. When we put on local events we work closely with the police, the London boroughs and other community groups to ensure that the events go ahead as smoothly as possible.

"I also take time out to meet young people face to face. My real life presence is more powerful than my Instagram so I like to go out and speak to as many of them as I can. I want them to know that I have their back and that I am here to support them."

'I worked with a lot of young people and could see that some of them needed something to keep them occupied and off the streets.'

stormz

Mac, Jake and Stormzy with some riders at the June 2019 ride out



BikeStormz is going from strength to strength and Mac has some huge plans for the brand and biking in the future.

Mac explained: "At the moment we looking to secure some grounds in London where young people can come and hone their skills and improve their riding. We want somewhere they can call home.

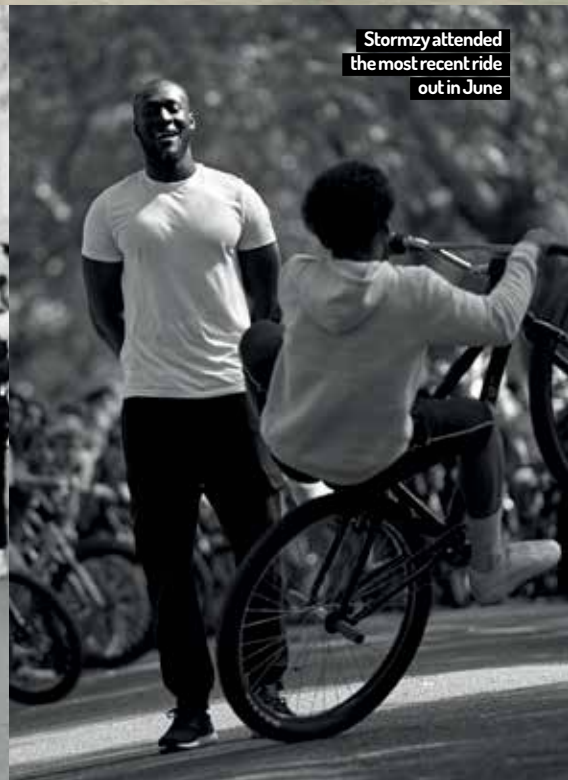
"Eventually, I want to turn BikeStormz and extreme pedal bike riding into a sport. I want young people to be able to progress their riding skills in a similar way to gymnastics or snowboarding in the X Games. We have already developed a bit of a biking culture with BikeStormz so now I need to ensure that people can learn the language of the sport and develop the skills they need to advance through the points based system.

"BikeStormz now takes up 100 percent of what I do and I love it. It's great to see people building their skills and sharing what they can do on social media. I just hope that even as we grow, we can keep the same BikeStormz ethos alive."

To find out more about BikeStormz, or if you would like to work with them, go to www.bikestormz.org. You can also follow BikeStormz on Instagram @bikestormz_.



Stormzy attended the most recent ride out in June



Make a start

If you want to learn something new to get a better job, start a business, achieve a life goal or simply to do something for the fun of it, Brent Start has something for you

September marks the start of a new academic year for school pupils and university students, but learning new skills is not just for the young. *YourBrent* caught up with past learners on Brent Start courses to hear their stories.

Ibrahim's story

"I was born in Somalia in 1963. I came to this country in 2004 with my family because there was a civil war in Somalia," says Ibrahim Idole, who signed up to Brent Start's English course at Harlesden Library.

"I decided to do a Brent Start course because I wanted to improve my maths and English." As well as gaining more essential skills to help in his day to day life, Ibrahim is working towards career goals.

"My qualification will help me to prepare for interviews and find jobs more easily. My plans for the future are to get further qualifications and develop more skills.

"I would recommend Brent Start courses because they will benefit people who want to have a better education."

Tolu's success

Harlesden resident Tolu attended Sugarcraft Beginner Cake Decoration and

Special Occasions Cake Decoration classes with Brent Start and has gone on to establish her own business.

In December 2018, Tolu won a Brent Start Student Award in the Enterprise category.

Antonette: going digital

"I didn't know anything at all about computers so I enrolled on the Digital Life Skills courses at Harlesden Library and I learnt so much" says Antonette Fernandes, "I learnt about emails, such as how to create an account and to send emails.

"I learnt how to find information online, and also how to shop safely online. By the end of the short courses, I had much more of an idea of how it all worked – I was so happy.

"Because I wanted to learn even more, I then enrolled on the Digital Literacy Entry 3 course at the Library at Willesden Green and got the opportunity to improve my English as well as my computer skills.

"On the course, I was introduced to Excel and discovered how to move between Excel and Word documents.

"When my children are grown, I'd like to get a job as a receptionist, so it was great to get my first experience of budgets and spreadsheets. I also now feel able to support my children with their homework.



"What I've learnt at Brent Start is that if I focus and work hard then I can achieve. My studying will never end - I'm really thankful for Brent Start."

Recruitment and enrolment takes place throughout the year, but many courses start in September.

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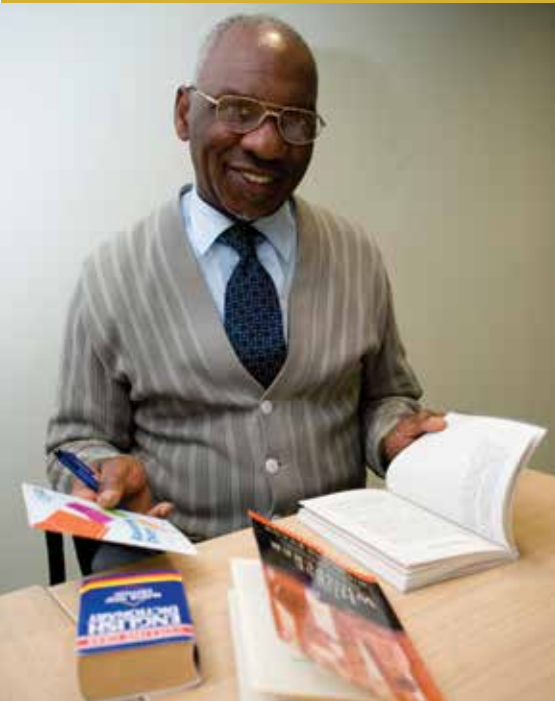
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MUM'S THE WORD

Sangita Rao, owner of Asian fusion restaurant Kanishkaa, introduces us to Indian food with a twist. By Jessica Alves

My only cooking inspiration is my mum," says Sangita. "She experiments with many different flavours and is the most creative person I know with food. I learnt everything from her."

When Sangita grew up, so did her love of hosting people in her home and cooking food that they really enjoyed. Soon, her friends started encouraging her to pursue her passion and open a restaurant and that is where Kanishkaa started.

Sangita said: "I wanted to open Kanishkaa in a location that is also extremely diverse, so Wembley felt perfect. I get customers from all over the world. These aren't just locals and regulars, but also tourists who visit Wembley Stadium. It makes me so happy that I'm accepted here, and that people from all backgrounds come to Kanishkaa.

As well as having a diverse range of customers, Sangita wants to showcase the diversity of food within India.

"I was born very close to Kolkata, but my Dad got a job that made us constantly move to different parts of India, from Delhi, to Bengaluru, to Mumbai, so I kind of lived everywhere. That's how I learnt how diverse the food is, and cultivated a love for different cuisines. India has 29 states, and seven union territories, so the food varieties are fascinating."

Sangita opened Kanishkaa when she was 41 years old. She said: "Before opening my restaurant, I went through a lot of self-doubt, so I didn't know how would I manage. If I could give one piece of advice to someone wishing to start their own restaurant, or pursue any dream, it would be to follow your passion, and your heart. I want to continue introducing my customers to different foods. That's why I'm here. What better way to reach people, than with food?"





'If I could give one piece of advice to someone wishing to start their own restaurant, or pursue any dream, it would be to follow your passion, and your heart.'

Kanishkaa
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Wembley HA9 6BD

SANGITA'S LAMB CURRY

SERVES 4-6

This simple and easy to follow lamb curry recipe, influenced by her childhood in Kolkata, will bring an authentic, delicious taste of Bengali cuisine right to your kitchen.

INGREDIENTS

1kg Diced leg of lamb (boned, or deboned)
500g Greek style yogurt
2 Onions
3cm of Fresh ginger
6 Garlic cloves
1 tomato (freshly chopped)
1tsp Ground turmeric
1tsp Chilli powder
½ tsp Dried fenugreek leaves
1tsp Ground cumin
1tsp Ground coriander
4 tbsp Fresh coriander (chopped)
1tsp Salt
2tsp Vegetable oil
1tsp Ghee

METHOD

1. Blend the tomato, 1½ of the onion, ginger, and garlic together into a paste. Reserve the remaining half of the onion.
2. Place the paste into a bowl, and mix in the yogurt, turmeric, chilli powder, dried fenugreek leaves, and salt. Add the lamb to the mixture, and stir. Leave to marinate in the fridge for 48 hours.
3. Once the lamb has marinated, heat the oil and ghee in a large pan. Slice the remaining half of the onion, before browning it in the hot oil.
4. Put the marinated lamb into the pan, and stir. Cover with a lid, and cook it for 15 minutes, before stirring in the ground coriander, fresh coriander, and cumin.
5. Cover with a lid again, and cook the lamb on a low heat for 2 hours. For a faster cooking time, you can place the lamb with its marinade in a pressure cooker instead, for 30 minutes. Stir occasionally, to prevent the sauce from burning at the bottom of the pan.
6. Once tender, the meat will be ready to serve.

A week in the life...

Brent Council's neighbourhood service is the front-line when it comes to problems like littering, illegal parking and anti-social behaviour

Shirley Holmes is the neighbourhood manager for Kingsbury and Kenton



'We talk about how we can work together to show the area a bit of love and make a difference...'

Shirley Holmes has lived in Brent all her life and now helps the community she grew up in as neighbourhood manager for Kingsbury and Kenton. Your Brent went behind the scenes to see what goes into taking care of a neighbourhood.

MONDAY

I kick my week off on the Chalkhill Estate. I'm meeting local residents including Trevor who, at 53, has lived his whole life in Chalkhill – first in the old flats and now in the new buildings. He's passionate about his neighbourhood. As we walk around the estate the residents talk to me about how graffiti, littering and broken paving is bringing down their area. We talk about how we can work together to show the area a bit of love and make a difference.

While I'm out, I stop for a chat with the Velocity team – they are going around the borough fixing potholes using a new method called 'injection patching' that means repairs last much longer. Kingsbury and Kenton is the first neighbourhood they're visiting and everybody I've spoken to is excited to see the changes.

TUESDAY

Today, I'm meeting a street cleaning team on Kingsbury high street. Local residents have raised concerns about rude stickers on lampposts and railings so I'm here to talk the team through the work that needs doing to get rid of them. They'll also be applying a special paint to make it more difficult to put up stickers and posters that haven't got permission.

In the afternoon, I meet with the council's in-house design team who are creating 'no littering' signs for a green square that's been a real headache for local people recently. It's a pretty basic message, but sometimes people need a reminder that they could be hit with a £100 fine if they get caught dropping litter. Based on resident feedback, we're making the signs simpler, with big pictures so they stand out and can be easily understood by everyone.

WEDNESDAY

One of my big jobs for today is to sort out the schedule for the Community Skip, which will be popping up across the borough this autumn, after we trialed it in Kingsbury. Anyone who lives here can drop up to five items in the skip for free. The idea came directly from Cathryn Walsh, who lives in Fryent, at a Brent Connects meeting. Like us, she was fed up of people dumping rubbish illegally. Since we've been using the skip Cathryn says she's really seen the difference in her area, so it's something I'm really pleased we were able to make it happen.

Once the skip schedule is sorted, I'm off to attend a Licensing Committee. They're hearing evidence about an off-license on my patch that has broken the rules of its alcohol licence. There's a long list of issues, including selling alcohol to a child and not doing enough to stop their customers from street drinking. The committee decide to take away their alcohol licence.

THURSDAY

I arrive into work to reports of two abandoned cars in Kenton. I ask the environmental enforcement team to look into the problem straight away. They have to carry out lots of checks and serve notices before the vehicles can be cleared, so it's a good idea to start this process immediately.


A few people have raised concerns about two men who have been sleeping rough. Rough sleeping is a really complicated issue and we take advice from experts like St Mungo's to make sure we're offering the right kind of support to help them get back on their feet. I ask our outreach team to pay the men a visit.

Then I'm back out in Kingsbury to do a weekly street inspection to make sure the cleaning that's been happening is completed to a good standard.

FRIDAY

We've had complaints in overnight about some caravans that have parked up in Silver Jubilee Park in Fryent without permission. I go with the Police, who have powers to move caravans on if they're somewhere they're not meant to be. The group packs up quickly and leaves without too much fuss.

Later in the day, I meet with ward councillors. They have their ear to the ground when it comes to what local people want to see, so it's helpful to meet regularly. By keeping them in the loop with new projects, they can also keep residents in their area up-to date.



Shirley records any illegal rubbish dumping she finds



WEEKEND

My job isn't always nine to five. This weekend, I'm going to a Community Clean-Up that I've been helping a local resident association to organise. The Community Skip is there and Veolia has dropped off litter picking equipment, bags and gloves, to make sure the event is a success.

It's great to see people of all ages turn out. Kids are always so intrigued by the litter pickers and hoops, and a couple of families that just came to drop stuff off at the skip end up joining in the litter pick! We collect 32 bags of rubbish between us and accept a whopping 112 items into the skip. It's great to see how keen people are to get stuck in to help their neighbourhood.

If you would like to organise your own Community Clean-Up, please go to www.brent.gov.uk and search for 'community clean ups'.

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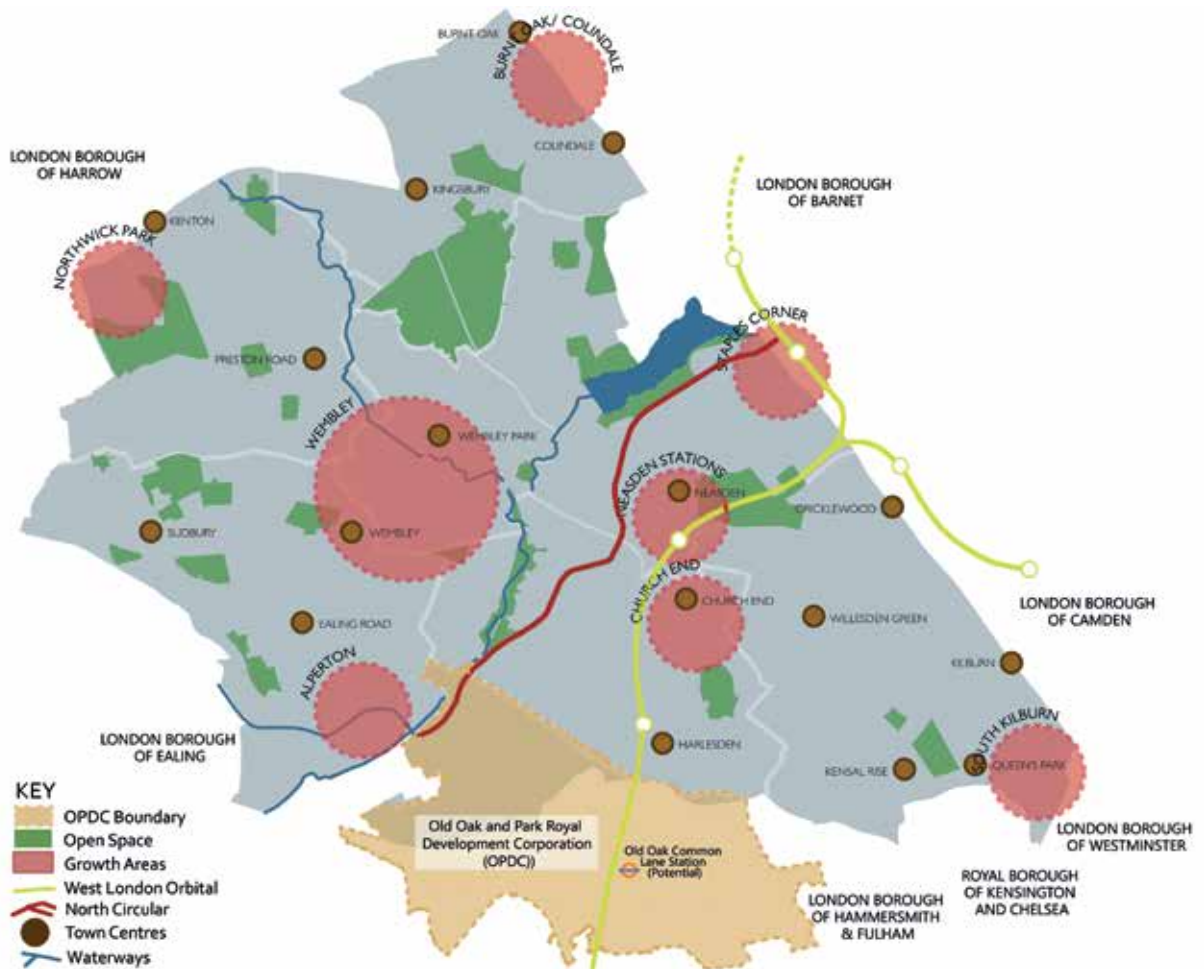
Have your say. Last Chance.

Brent's Local Plan, which sets out the policies to guide decisions on developments for the next 20 years, is being published for final comments

In the final round of consultation, you have the opportunity to have your say on the draft planning policies that have been worked up following two rounds of public consultation held last year.

The Local Plan covers the diverse 'places' in Brent and outlines how each area could change, develop and feel in the future. It also contains policies on new housing including affordable housing, employment and town centres, open

space, community facilities, transport and sports and leisure facilities. All planning decisions will be made against the policies in the Plan. It is therefore a very important document in shaping the future development of Brent.





Cllr Shama Tatler, Brent Council's Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Property and Planning: "Much of the borough was built around 100 years ago and since then the population of Brent has grown significantly and continues to grow. This brings with it a

need for new homes, new jobs and better infrastructure, while maintaining quality of life, but there is limited space available.

"How we meet those challenges over the next 20 years will be hugely influenced by the Local Plan, so I'd encourage as many people

as possible to take part in this last consultation and I thank those who have taken part in the process so far.

"The more input we have into the Local Plan, the better it will be in shaping the future of Brent."

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Find out more when the consultation will take place at www.brent.gov.uk/shapebrent or visit any Brent Council library.

Consultation feedback will be reviewed and submitted with the Local Plan to an independent planning inspector for examination. If approved by the inspector, it can be adopted by the council replacing the existing Local Plan.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Need to contact the council or want to find out about other services? We've made a handy list of all their contact details for you to cut out and keep. It's also easy to visit www.brent.gov.uk/services-for-residents for a full A-Z of all services offered by the council



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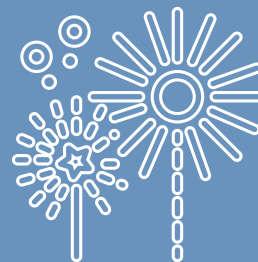


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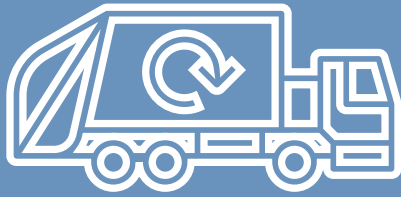
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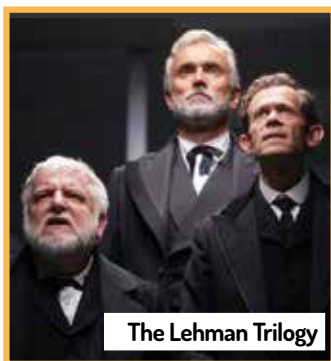
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SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

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TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

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The venerable author presents for the first time her long-awaited sequel to The Handmaid's Tale, live from the National Theatre. The Lexi Cinema. 7pm. £10.50/£8.50 concessions.

THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

NT LIVE: FLEABAG

Phoebe Waller-Bridge recreates the stage inspiration for her outrageously popular TV drama, live from the West End. The Lexi Cinema. 7.30pm. £17.



Fleabag

WEEK OF FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

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The origins of reggae, told by a remarkable group of reggae legends. The Lexi Cinema. £10.50/£8.50 concessions.

SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

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Inna De Yard

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TO SATURDAY 5
OCTOBER 2019**

EPHEMERA

A group exhibition featuring local artists working in glass, silver, photography, print and paint. Willesden Green Library. 9am-8pm Monday to Friday, 10am-5pm Saturday and Sunday.

**WEDNESDAY 25
- SATURDAY 28
SEPTEMBER**

THE SEVEN AGES OF PATIENCE

Community Play, written by Chinoyerem Odimba and directed by Katie Posner and already on its way to selling out. Kiln Theatre. Free.

**THURSDAY 26
SEPTEMBER
2019 - SUNDAY 6
OCTOBER 2019**

SOUL OF SHAOLIN

Playing in London for the first time, Soul of Shaolin is an action-packed theatrical experience featuring over 30 performers in a troupe direct

from Shaolin, China. Troubadour Theatre. 7.30pm. From £15.

**SATURDAY 28
SEPTEMBER**

NT ENCORE: FLEABAG

Phoebe Waller-Bridge recreates the stage inspiration for her outrageously popular TV drama in a recording of the live performance. The Lexi Cinema. 3pm. £17.



The Seven Ages Of Patience

VENUES

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Wembley Library

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Arena Square

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Soul of Shaolin

SOUL OF SHAOLIN PREMI

An astonishing, masterful performance steeped in ancient Chinese tradition, the UK premiere of *Soul of Shaolin* hits the new Troubadour Theatre stage with an action-packed theatrical experience. We caught up with the UK Producer, Nick Larkin.

Could you tell us how you'd sum up the performance?

Soul of Shaolin is a theatrical spectacular. It's a truly scintillating fusion of kung fu, arts, music, action-packed scenes and a story that will touch your heart.

Why is it important to you for this culture to be portrayed?

We aim to keep this ancient tradition of Shaolin alive for generations to come by opening a window to the world of Shaolin via a theatrical production. We want to share the essence and spirit of kung fu through a physical, non-verbal musical, making it an unforgettable experience suitable for all.

The performances in *Soul of Shaolin* require a large amount of skill, strength and discipline. How important is it to push the boundaries when performing?

The journey of learning is never easy. Without exceptional stamina and skills, they can easily get hurt and not perform to the best of their ability. Apart from their strenuous training,



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THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER

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HOUSE OF LIFE EXHIBITION
An exhibition introducing the

House of Life at Willesden Jewish Cemetery. The Library at Willesden Green.

TUESDAY 8 OCTOBER 2019 TO SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER 2019

THROWING LIGHT, CASTING DOUBT, TELLING TALES: MAKING THE POSTCARD WOMEN'S IMAGINARIUM
Art exhibition drawing inspiration from lost histories. Willesden Green Library. 9am-8pm Monday to Friday. 10am-5pm Saturday and Sunday. Free. arts@brent.gov.uk.

FROM TUESDAY 15 OCTOBER

JOHN BLANDY, FOLLOWING A LIME TREE

An exhibition of pastels by a renowned local artist. The Lexi Cinema. Free.

FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER 2019 - SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2019

WAR HORSE

Following a sold-out run at the National Theatre, *War Horse* returns to London for a limited season in this exciting new venue. Troubadour Theatre. 2pm or 7.30pm. From £15.

FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER - SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER

FAMILY FUN

daily half-term matinees. The Lexi Cinema. £5.

SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER

NT ENCORE: A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

Nic Hytner's wonderfully immersive production of Shakespeare's original romcom. The Lexi Cinema. 2pm. £17.

WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER -



ER AT THE TROUBADOUR THEATRE

the young performers are also being educated academically, teaching them knowledge and discipline. This enables them to push the boundaries and better appreciate all their performing opportunities.

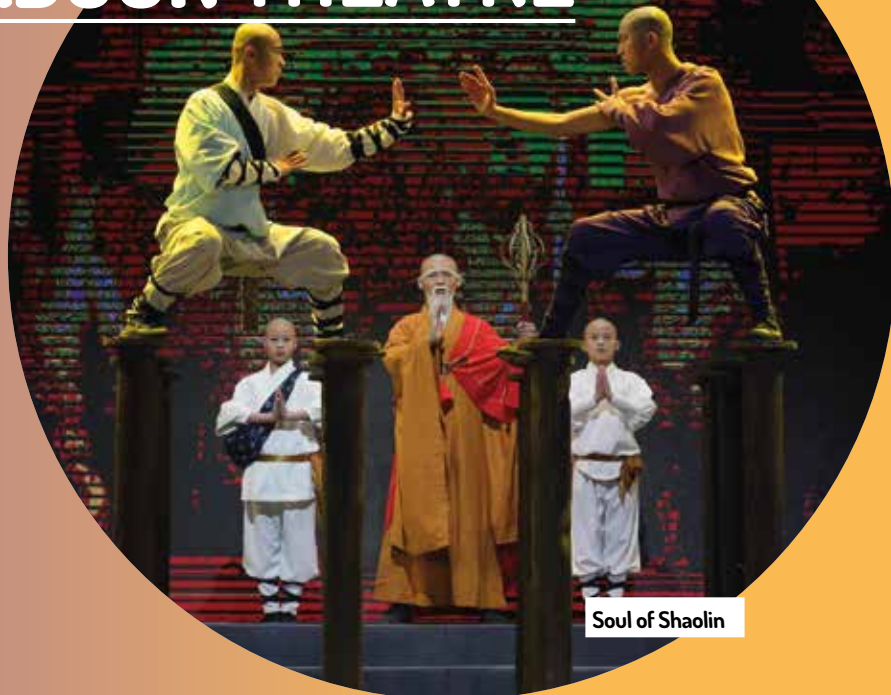
A mother and son bond is the driving force behind the narrative. Why do you think love and family makes such a powerful story?

Love and family is a universal part of everyone's lives, no matter what country or culture. The story depicts the strong and persistent love of a mother to her child, a storyline that everyone can relate to and associate with.

What message or feeling would you like people to take away from watching Soul of Shaolin?

Love and hope, and the sense of awe for these masterful performers. Guests should prepare to expect the spectacular!

Soul of Shaolin is on at the Troubadour Theatre from 26 September – 6 October



Soul of Shaolin

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER

WHEN THE CROWS VISIT

A mother is confronted with the ghosts of her past when her son returns home. Kiln Theatre. 7.30pm. info@kilntheatre.com. From £12.50

FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER

STEPPING STONES

Storytelling dance workshops for children. Enacting a popular

children's story through music and dance. Ealing Road Library. 2.30-3.30pm. Free. libraries@brent.gov.uk

WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER

BABY DISCO: HALLOWEEN SPECIAL

Daytime fun for little ones at our music and dance session, come along in your Halloween costume! Tickets www.halloween-baby-disco.eventbrites.co.uk. Willesden Green Library. Session 1 11.30am-12.15pm. Session 2 12.30-1.15pm. Advanced tickets £2.50 per child,

adults £2.50. libraries@brent.gov.uk

WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER

HOUSE OF LIFE EXHIBITION: HISTORY TALK

A history talk of Willesden Jewish Cemetery by David Jacobs. Free. Willesden Green Library. 1-2.30pm.

FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER

COME MEK WE LARF

Black History Month Comedy Special. Tickets <https://willesdencomedyspecial.eventbrite.co.uk>. Willesden Green Library. Doors 7.30pm/ Showtime 8-11pm. £15 General sale £20 on the Door. libraries@brent.gov.uk

SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER

HOUSE OF LIFE EXHIBITION: DEATH CAFE

A conversation over tea and cake about what comes to us all. Willesden Green Library. 2.30-5pm. Free.

Present Laughter



TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER

HOUSE OF LIFE EXHIBITION: CURATORS TALK

Behind the Scenes at the House of Life: a talk by the curator of the exhibition. Willesden Green Library. 1-2pm. Free.

THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER

NT LIVE: PRESENT LAUGHTER

Andrew Scott takes the lead in this revamped version of Noel Coward's frothy comedy. The Lexi Cinema. 7pm. £17.



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CHILDREN'S

BOOKSTART STORY AND RHYME TIME FOR 18 MONTHS AND OVER AT THE LIBRARY AT WILLEDEN GREEN

Join us for story and rhyme time on Fridays at the Library at Willesden Green. Other locations. 95 High Road, Willesden NW10 2SF. Fridays, September - November 2019. 9.30-10.15am (term time).

FRESH ARTS THEATRE SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AGED 3 TO 16

Fresh Arts is a theatre school for children aged 3 to 16. Newman Catholic College, Harlesden Rd, Harlesden, London. Saturdays, September-November 2019. 10am-1pm. admin@fresharts.co.

HALLOWEEN BABY DISCO

Daytime fun for little ones at our music and dance session, come along in your Halloween costume! The Library at Willesden Green, 95 High Road, Willesden, London, NW10 2SF. Wednesday 30 October. 11.30am-1.15pm.

HOMEWORK CLUB AT THE LIBRARY AT WILLEDEN GREEN

Need some help with homework? Join us at the Library at Willesden Green for Homework Club. 95 High Road, Willesden NW10 2SF. Thursdays, September - November 2019. 3.30-5.30pm (term time only).

RUSSIAN LANGUAGE CLUB FOR CHILDREN

Russian language club for primary school children. Crownhill Road, Willesden. Saturdays, September-November 2019. 1-2pm. kristina.glad@yahoo.co.uk.

SALOME WHITE DANCE COMPANY

Dance classes for boys and girls ages 7 to 18. Willesden Green Library. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, September - November 2019. 4.30-6.30pm. tats.salome@gmail.com.

TURTLE TOTS - WEST LONDON

Specialist baby and toddler swimming classes in pools across West and North West London. Wykeham Primary School. Friday 2, Monday 9, Monday 16 September 2019. 10-11am. westlondon@turtletots.com.

UNIFORMED YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Sea Cadetting for youngsters from age 7. Uniformed youth group based on the traditions of the Royal Navy. T.S. Broadsword, Cool Oak Lane, NW9 7ND. Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, September 2019. 12am. gearaldandjeanseacadet.org.

COMMUNITY

BRIDGE CLUB AT KILBURN LIBRARY

Bridge Club at Kilburn Library every Wednesday. 42 Salisbury Road,

Kilburn NW6 6NN. Wednesdays, September-November 2019. 2-4pm.

CITIZENS ADVICE BRENT - INFORMATION AND ADVICE SERVICE

Charity that offers free confidential advice to whoever you are, whatever the problem. Brent Civic Centre, Engineers Way, Wembley HA9 0FJ. Mondays, September-November 2019. 9am-4pm. sophia.johnson@cabrent.org.uk.

CROCHET AND KNITTING CLUB AT KILBURN LIBRARY

Join us for Crochet and Knitting Club at Kilburn library. 42 Salisbury Road, Kilburn NW6 6NN. Tuesdays, September-November 2019. 10.30am-12.30pm.

FOSTERING INFORMATION EVENING

An open evening to find out more about fostering. Brent Civic Centre, Engineers Way, Wembley, 1st floor, Training Centre, room 1T002. First Thursday of the month. 6-8pm. fostering@brent.gov.uk.

KICK START ENGAGEMENT DAY

Discuss the Kick Start Learning Programme in more detail with a tutor and prepare for work opportunities. Brent Hub Community Enterprise Centre, 6 Hillside, London. Friday 13 September. 12-1pm. enquiries@brenthub.co.uk.

KNITTING CLUB AT WEMBLEY LIBRARY

Feeling creative? Join us for our Crochet and Knitting Club at Wembley library. Brent Civic Centre, Engineers Way, Wembley HA9 0FJ. Thursdays, September-November 2019. 10.30am-1pm.

PLACE OF WELCOME

This provides the community with a place to interact with one another, enjoy games and have engaging conversations. Brent Hub Community Enterprise Centre, 6 Hillside, London. Wednesdays, September - November 2019. 10am-12pm. enquiries@brenthub.co.uk.

RAD INFORMATION, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE EVENT FOR DEAF PEOPLE LIVING IN BRENT

Royal Association for Deaf people (RAD) Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) service. Desk 30 Customer Services, Brent Civic Centre, Engineers Way, Wembley HA9 0FJ on Tuesdays. Brent CAB, 270-272 High Road, London NW10 2EY on Thursdays. Tuesdays and Thursdays, September-November 2019. 10am-4pm.

SCRABBLE AT WEMBLEY LIBRARY

Fancy a game of Scrabble? Join us at Wembley Library every month for a fun game! Other locations. Brent Civic Centre, Engineers Way, Wembley HA9 0FJ. Third Wednesday of the month. 1.30-4pm.

TAMIL READING GROUP

Get reading and join our Tamil Reading Group at Ealing Road library. Coronet Parade, Ealing Road, Wembley HA0 4BA. Last Saturday of the month. 1-4.30pm.

THE ROMANIAN BOOK GROUP AT WEMBLEY LIBRARY

Join our Romanian Book Group at Wembley library!. Brent Civic Centre, Engineers Way, Wembley HA9 0FJ. Second Saturday of the month. 1-3pm.

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE: PAINTING FOR THE OVER 50S

Get creative and join our University of the Third Age: Painting for the Over 50s at Ealing Road library. Coronet Parade, Ealing Road, Wembley HA0 4BA. Tuesdays, September-November 2019. 10.30am-12.30pm.

WINDRUSH SURGERIES

A surgery to help residents struggling to demonstrate their status in the UK to apply for documentation and citizenship. Brent Hub Community Enterprise Centre, 6 Hillside, London. Monday 21 October. 12-3pm.

QUIZ & GAMES AFTERNOON FOR OLDER PEOPLE

A relaxing afternoon with board games, a general knowledge quiz and getting to know new people. Elders Voice, 181 Mortimer

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Road, Kensal Green, NW10 5TN. Wednesdays, 2pm-4pm (starts Wednesday 4th September 2019). Free - suggested donation of £1 to cover cost of teas and coffees. Jenny Davison on 020 8968 8170

PROUD COFFEE FOR OLDER LGBT+ PEOPLE

Coffee morning for older LGBT+ people in Brent. It is a great place to get to know more people, catch-up with friends and start building a community of older LGBT+ people in Brent. Elders Voice, 181 Mortimer Road, Kensal Green, NW10 5TN. Mondays, 9.30am-11am. Free. Rachel Ishmael on 020 8206 7502

ANIMAL BLESSING & THANKSGIVING SERVICE FOR PETS

The event provides an opportunity for pet owners whatever their beliefs to come together and celebrate the special relationship we have with the animals who share our lives. St.Martin's Anglican Church, Mortimer Road, Kensal Green, NW10 5SN. Saturday 12 October 2019 2-3pm. For further details email animalblessinguk@gmail.com or call 07778 453 578

CELEBRATING UNITY & DIVERSITY,

Sunday 13th October 2-5.30pm A contribution to Black History Month. An afternoon of dialogue, music, dance, poetry and fun in an atmosphere of love and appreciation. Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University, Global Co-operation House, 65-69 Pound Lane, Willesden Green NW10 2HH

THE WINTER TRAIL

Saturday 7 December and Sunday 8 December. Timings to be confirmed. Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University are working on an exciting new project this year, creating something special, something immersive and something magical for the whole family. Watch this space! www.wintershow.org

HEALTH AND FITNESS

BOOTCAMP AT QUEENS PARK

Get fit for free with OurParks. Other locations. Queen's Park Kilburn, London, NW6 6SG. Thursdays, September-November 2019. 10-11am.

BRENT DOLPHINS SWIMMING CLUB

Promotes the teaching and coaching of swimming, including teacher training and lifesaving for those aged 5+. Vale Farm and Willesden Sports Centres. Every day except Saturdays, September-November 2019. 7-10pm. info@brentdolphins.org.uk.

CHAIR BASED EXERCISES

Every Wednesday at Midday. Other locations. Crawford Avenue, Corner of Wembley High road. Every day, September-November 2019. 12-1pm. cathmiller50@btinternet.com.

DEMENTIA CAFÉ @ AT CITY MISSION HUB

Held weekly on a Monday, providing space for those with memory loss and dementia and their carers to socialise, get involved in activities and receive support. Pentecostal City Mission Church, 2 Scrubs Lane, London. Mondays, September - November 2019. 10.30am-3.30pm dementiaproject.cmh@outlook.com.

ELDERS VOICE KENSAL GREEN DEMENTIA CAFÉ

A free, weekly cafe for people with dementia and their families and carers. Elders Voice, 181 Mortimer Road, Kensal Green, London. Fridays, September - November 2019. 11am-1pm. lynnb@eldersvoice.org.uk.

EVENING YOGA CLASS

A regular, mid week wind down. A restorative blend of Hatha and Vinyasa flow, suitable for all abilities. The Reading Room, The Library at Willesden Green, 95 High Rd, London NW10 2SF. Wednesdays, September - November 2019. 7-8pm. jessie@fullerflow.co.uk.

FREE BIKE SAFETY AND MAINTENANCE CHECK - KINGSBURY

Just bring your bike along and get a free safety check and service. Other locations. Kingsbury Station Hool Close, London. Saturday 14 September. 10am-2pm.

FREE FOOTBALL SESSION FOR WOMEN ORGANISED BY LONDON RANGERS FC

Football session for women by Middlesex FA and sponsored by Mars. Ark Elvin Academy, Cecil Avenue. Thursdays, September-November. 7.30pm-12am.

HEARING VOICES PEER SUPPORT GROUP

For people living with hearing voices and unusual beliefs, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. Top floor, Ashford Place, 60 Ashford Road, London. On the second and fourth Tuesday of the Month, September-November. 1.30-3.30pm. Engagementbrent@hestia.org.

MEMORY CAFE

A memory cafe in Kingsbury for people living with memory loss, and their carers and supporters. Holy Innocents Church, Kingsbury Road. Fridays, September - November 2019. 2-3.30pm. kingsbury.holy.innocents@gmail.com.

PILATES IN BARHAM PARK

Get fit for free with OurParks. Barham Park. Wednesdays, September-November 2019. 6.30-7.30pm.

RUN WITH ANDY - ONE TREE HILL

I want to get people out and to see that running can be fun and enjoyable! One Tree Hill Recreational Ground, Norton Road, Alperton, HA0 4QN. Tuesdays and Thursdays, September-November 2019. 6.45-8pm. runwithandy@gmail.com.

WELLBEING FORUM

A time for people who are working in the field of, or interested in, Wellbeing in Brent to come together. 107 Kingsgate Road. Friday 13 September. 1.30-3.30pm. Engagementbrent@hestia.org.

SELF-DEVELOPMENT

FREE COMPUTER CLASSES FOR OLDER PEOPLE

A free, weekly computer class for older people. Elders Voice, 181 Mortimer Road, Kensal Green, London, NW10 5TN. Wednesdays, September-October 2019. 1-2pm. annas@eldersvoice.org.uk.

IT FOR BEGINNERS AT EALING ROAD LIBRARY

Learn the basics and join us for our IT for Beginners sessions. Other locations. Coronet Parade, Ealing Road, Wembley HA0 4BA. Mondays, September-November 2019. 2-3.30pm.



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EVENT CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2019		
Sunday 27 October	Cincinnati Bengals @ Los Angeles Rams	17:00
NOVEMBER 2019		
Sunday 3 November	Houston Texans @ Jacksonville Jaguars	14:30
Saturday 9 November	England vs Germany (Women's International Friendly)	17:30
Thursday 14 November	England vs Montenegro (Euro2020Q)	19:45
NO BOWL EVENTS DURING DECEMBER 2019, JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2020		
MARCH 2020		
Sunday 1st March	EFL Cup Final	TBC

These are all the events scheduled during this period. To view the full year events calendar, please visit www.wembleystadium.com

TRANSPORT UPDATE

EVENT DAY TRANSPORT OPERATIONS

WEMBLEY STADIUM WORKS TOGETHER WITH A BROAD RANGE OF TRANSPORT OPERATORS AND STAKEHOLDERS IN THE PLANNING AND DELIVERY OF STADIUM EVENT DAY TRANSPORT OPERATIONS, WITH THE PRINCIPLE OBJECTIVES BEING TO FACILITATE SAFE AND EFFICIENT SPECTATOR ACCESS, WHILST MINIMISING DISRUPTION TO LOCAL RESIDENTS. EVENT DAY ROAD CLOSURES ARE COORDINATED BETWEEN THE STADIUM AND BRENT COUNCIL, AND ARE IMPLEMENTED AS LATE AS IS SAFELY PRACTICAL PRIOR TO AN EVENT, AND END AS SOON AS CROWDS ARE SUFFICIENTLY DISPERSED AFTER AN EVENT. GENERALLY, CLOSURES ARE APPLIED FROM UP TO FOUR HOURS BEFORE UNTIL TWO HOURS AFTER AN EVENT, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Roads

South Way

Closed between Wembley Hill Road and First Way from 4 hours pre-event until 2 hours post-event.

Royal Route

Access for Red Car Park pre-booked vehicles only from 4 hours pre-event.

Oakington Manor Drive

Access for local residents only from 3 hours pre-event until 2 hours post-event.

Fulton Road

Closed between Empire Way and Rutherford Way from 2 hours pre-event until the event starts, and again 30 minutes before the event ends until 2 hours post-event.

London Road

Closed between Wembley High Road and Cecil Avenue from event start time until 2 hours post-event.

Engineers Way

Closed between Empire Way and Rutherford Way 30 minutes before the event ends until 2 hours post-event.

Empire Way/Wembley Hill Road

Closed southbound only between Wembley Park Drive and South Way from 30 minutes before the event ends until 2 hours post-event.

Wembley Hill Road

Closed in both direction between South Way and the Wembley Triangle from 30 minutes before the event ends until 2 hours post-event.

Harrow Road

Will be congested from approximately 3 hours pre-event until 2 hours post-event. Residents are advised to seek alternative routes.

London Underground and National Rail

Wembley Park, Wembley Stadium and Wembley Central stations are busier than usual on event days, from approximately three hours pre-event until two hours post-event. Exit and entry points at each station may be different on event days, and queueing systems may be in operation to ensure customer safety. Where possible, residents are advised to seek alternative routes during this period.

London Bus Service

When road closures are in place, London Bus routes 18, 83, 92, 182, 206, 223, 224 and 483 operate on diverted routes to avoid stadium event day traffic.

Useful links

<https://tfl.gov.uk/>
<https://www.chilternrailways.co.uk/>
<https://www.nationalrail.co.uk/>
<https://www.brent.gov.uk/>
<http://www.wembleystadium.com/>





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EAST LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

OPEN DAY - 21ST NOVEMBER 2019

Prospective parents are warmly invited to visit our brand new school.

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Every tour will take about 30 minutes

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Reception: Good Level of Development – 92% Exceeding Good Level of Development – 55%

Year 1: Phonics: 98%

Year 6: GPS: 96% at expected level; 83% at greater depth

Year 2: Reading: 93% at expected level; 54% at greater depth

Reading: 88% at expected level; 46% at greater depth

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