

What we do

We support schools across the whole of Brent, particularly with history and geography topics but also with Literacy, Art and Religious Education.

We are based at The Library at Willesden Green

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I am the Learning Officer and I work 3 days a week, usually spread over Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.



Feedback from Class Teacher at Preston Manor Lower School after Windrush Generation workshops on 15 June 2021

I just wanted to thank you for the fantastic workshop today - the children loved it!

I also wanted to say thank you for all the fantastic resources on Best Brent - I've used them so much for planning and have also shared them with other teachers. The amount of primary resources is fantastic and makes the lessons engaging.



Services for schools

Free visits to the Museum galleries

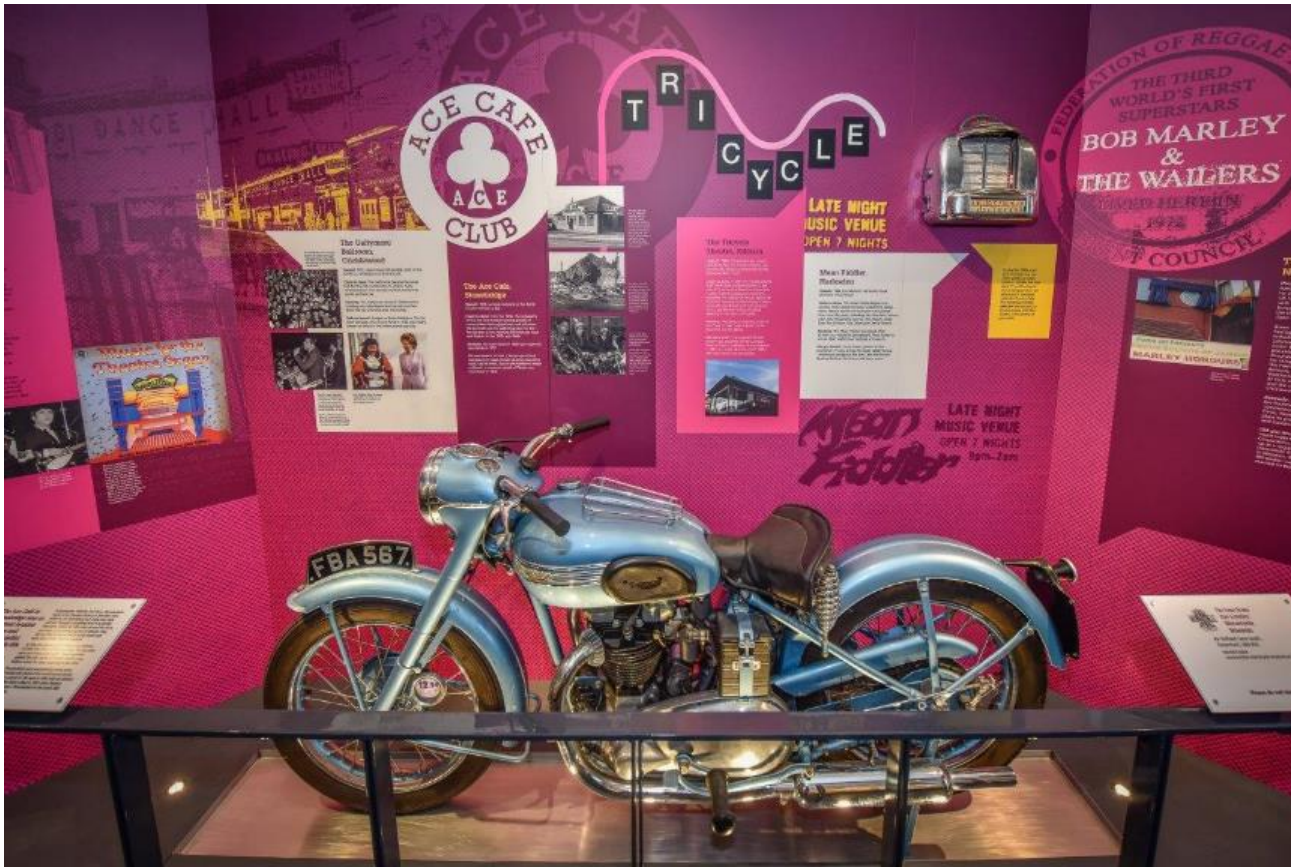
Watch from 1:51—2:14 and 2:28-2:40 mins





Domestic life in 1800s/
Victorian Brent





Notable buildings such as the Ace Café, Alpertown and the Galtymore Ballroom, Cricklewood.

**Workshops at the museum or at school
Including Somali Community in Brent, Toys from Brent's past, Your
Local Area.**

Assembly presentations during school outreach



8 Loans boxes e.g. Gujarati, Somali communities and exploring our sense of home and cultural identity

Temporary exhibitions e.g.
Roots and Changes, Gujarati Influences
until 22 August 2021



Online resources:

[YouTube Educational Channel](#)

The screenshot shows the YouTube channel page for 'Brent Libraries, Arts and Heritage'. The channel banner features a teal background with the text 'BRENT LIBRARIES, ARTS AND HERITAGE' in large, bold, black letters. Below the banner, the channel name 'Brent Libraries, Arts and Heritage' is displayed, along with '155 subscribers'. Navigation buttons for 'CUSTOMER CHANNEL' and 'MY FAVORITE VIDEOS' are visible. The main navigation menu includes 'HOME', 'VIDEOS', 'PLAYLISTS', 'CHANNELS', 'DISCUSSION', and 'ABOUT'. The 'Created playlists' section is highlighted, showing a grid of video thumbnails with titles such as 'Liked videos', 'Rooms & Changes - Gujarat Influences', 'Green Libraries', 'Toys from Green's Past', 'Romans in Green', 'Carnival in Brent - Celebrate at Home', 'Event Faces and Places', 'British Empire Exhibits at Wembley', 'Mindrush 2020', and 'Event Then and Now'. Each thumbnail includes a 'VIEW FULL PLAYLIST' link.

Local area studies

And for all the changes of the past 100 years, in one or two places, for example near St John's Church or at the High Street on Wembley Hill, one can still get a feel of the way Wembley must have been before the inter-war building boom.

Watch this video showing how Wembley and Tokyngton has changed over time:



Local history articles

Find out more about this area by looking at our local history articles, written by volunteer researchers and members of local history societies:

- [A Brief Architectural History of Wembley Town Hall](#) (.pdf, 101.4kB) Malcolm Barres-Baker (.pdf, 101.4kB)

Spot the Difference – Wembley & Tokyngton Then and Now Activity



3. 8 London Road, 2019 & 1920s.



6 Religious Loans Box resources for schools

We are running a National Lottery Heritage Fund project called Being Brent - about increasing wellbeing through heritage. One of the parts of that project is to create six loans boxes about big ideas/concepts relating to religion in Brent and the communities linked to those religions.

Brent libraries have purchased 49 more e-books around different religions.

We will be sharing information from our archives and collections, interviewing people of faith from Brent and making videos to share on our YouTube channel. We are working with the people making the new Religious Education syllabus, curriculum map and lesson plans. Resources will be available from March 2022.

Three National Portrait Gallery projects Autumn 2021 - Spring 2022

No. 1 - From the Ground Up: Exhibition at The Library at Willesden Green and schools workshops - 06 Sept – 03 Dec 2021

Telling stories of people connected to local industry. Films made in 2021 of those who worked at Wembley Stadium or enjoyed career defining moments there. Portraits of Kanya King, Alex Scott and Bobby Moore along with posters, souvenirs and archive photographs from the stadium over the years.

Looking for schools to book workshops in September/October/November 2021 at The Library at Willesden Green with a visit to the exhibition.

KS1 workshop and resource linked to:

Changes within living memory – used, where appropriate, to reveal changes in national life and; Significant and historical events people and places in their own locality.

[People Powered: Brent - National Portrait Gallery \(npg.org.uk\)](https://www.npg.org.uk)



No. 2 - Faces and Places Loans Resource (Sept – Dec 2021).

The Faces and Places resource box containing portraits of 10 inspirational people connected to the local borough, cross-curricular group activities, and tools to create exhibitions.

This loans box can be hired from us from September 2021 onwards. Suitable for all key stages, teachers and pupils are invited to use the adaptable resources to develop creative skills around visual literacy, local history research and portrait making.

[Faces and Places - National Portrait Gallery \(npg.org.uk\)](https://www.npg.org.uk)

Not only is the loans resource a wonderful way to celebrate people connected to Brent it is also a tool for teachers and children to analyse how individuals represent themselves and are represented by the media. They will identify poses, environments and props used in photos to communicate particular messages.



No. 3 - Icons of Colour: Portraits of Brent's Change Makers exhibition and schools workshops at Brent Museum - Dec 2021 – Feb 2022

This exhibition will showcase key local Brent figures through the display of ten portraits loaned from the National Portrait Gallery, plus two new portraits acquired for Brent Museum and Archives. Portraits include local legends Zadie Smith, Riz Ahmed, Rachel Yankey and Courtney Pine. The exhibition will share stories and achievements of key people of colour connected to Brent for all young people in the borough to explore.

KS1 and KS2 Workshops: to identify and describe achievements of the people featured in the exhibition, identify different ways that portraits reflect the personalities of the people in the portraits and apply those ideas by planning/drawing individual portraits for themselves. Choosing from a range of backdrops and props, children will select items that reflect how they see themselves and create a digital portrait.

There will be free pre and post workshop PowerPoint, with embedded audio clips and learning points and activities for KS1 and KS2 pupils to use in class.

