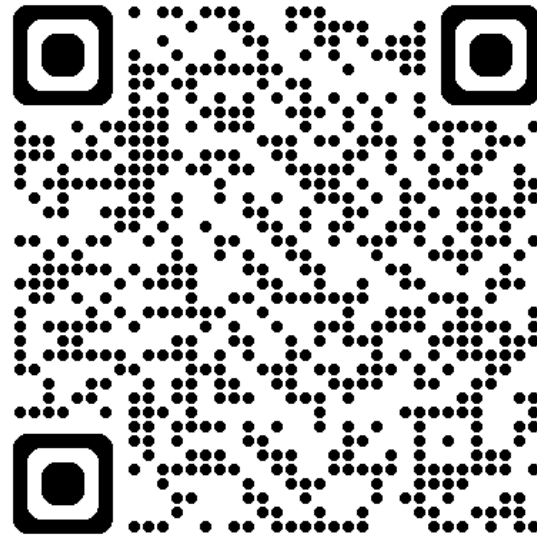


ORIENTATION SESSIONS

**NEW TO BRENT**





## **Orientation Session 6: Local Activities and Networks**

**Delivered by Learn About Britain for Brent Council**



Today we will learn about...

- **How to find and access local services like libraries and community centres**
- **Local activities you might want to take part in**
- **Outdoor gyms/free exercise sessions near you**
- **Places of worship in Brent**
- **Building connections and support networks**
- **Travelling on public transport**
- **Activities in central London like museums**





Local services

# Libraries

- As well as dual language books they provide access to foreign language newsletters, events, exhibitions, loans of equipment; some provide clothes and free tea and coffee



## Brent Home Library and Outreach Service

- Friendly, DBS-checked volunteers deliver library books to your home
- Books available in large print and audio CD
- Wide range of community languages available
- Stock collections also available for nurseries, care homes and other community settings.

For more information:

020 8937 3400 (Mon - Fri, 10am - 5pm)

[libraries@brent.gov.uk](mailto:libraries@brent.gov.uk)



## Wembley Library Opening Times

|           |               |
|-----------|---------------|
| Monday    | 10:30am – 8pm |
| Tuesday   | 10:30am – 8pm |
| Wednesday | 10:30am – 8pm |
| Thursday  | 10:30am – 8pm |
| Friday    | 10:30am – 8pm |
| Saturday  | 10.30am – 5pm |
| Sunday    | 12 – 5pm      |

To book a computer or study space or for online events  
please visit [www.brent.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.brent.gov.uk/libraries)







- **These services are for you, please use them**
- **If these services don't help you, please say so**
- **Check [brent.gov.uk](https://www.brent.gov.uk) for details**



**Faith and community centres**







**Alpertown Baptist Church**

**SERVICES TIMES**

|                                  |                                    |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Sunday 10:30am - Morning Service | Wednesday 7:30pm - Evening Service |
| Monday 7:30pm - Evening Service  | Thursday 7:30pm - Evening Service  |

**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

|                                    |                                   |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Monday 7:30pm - Evening Service    | Tuesday 7:30pm - Evening Service  |
| Wednesday 7:30pm - Evening Service | Thursday 7:30pm - Evening Service |
| Friday 7:30pm - Evening Service    | Saturday 7:30pm - Evening Service |

**WE PROVIDE**

|                 |              |                       |                       |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Worship         | Prayer       | Music                 | Children's Ministry   |
| Adult Education | Small Groups | Outreach              | Community Development |
| Food Bank       | Job Training | Financial Counselling | Support Groups        |

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Raja Yoga (soul conscious meditation):

- Drop In meditation sessions
- Courses, talks conversations and much more...

### OPEN TO EVERYONE | INHOUSE & ONLINE

Activities offered FREE OF CHARGE  
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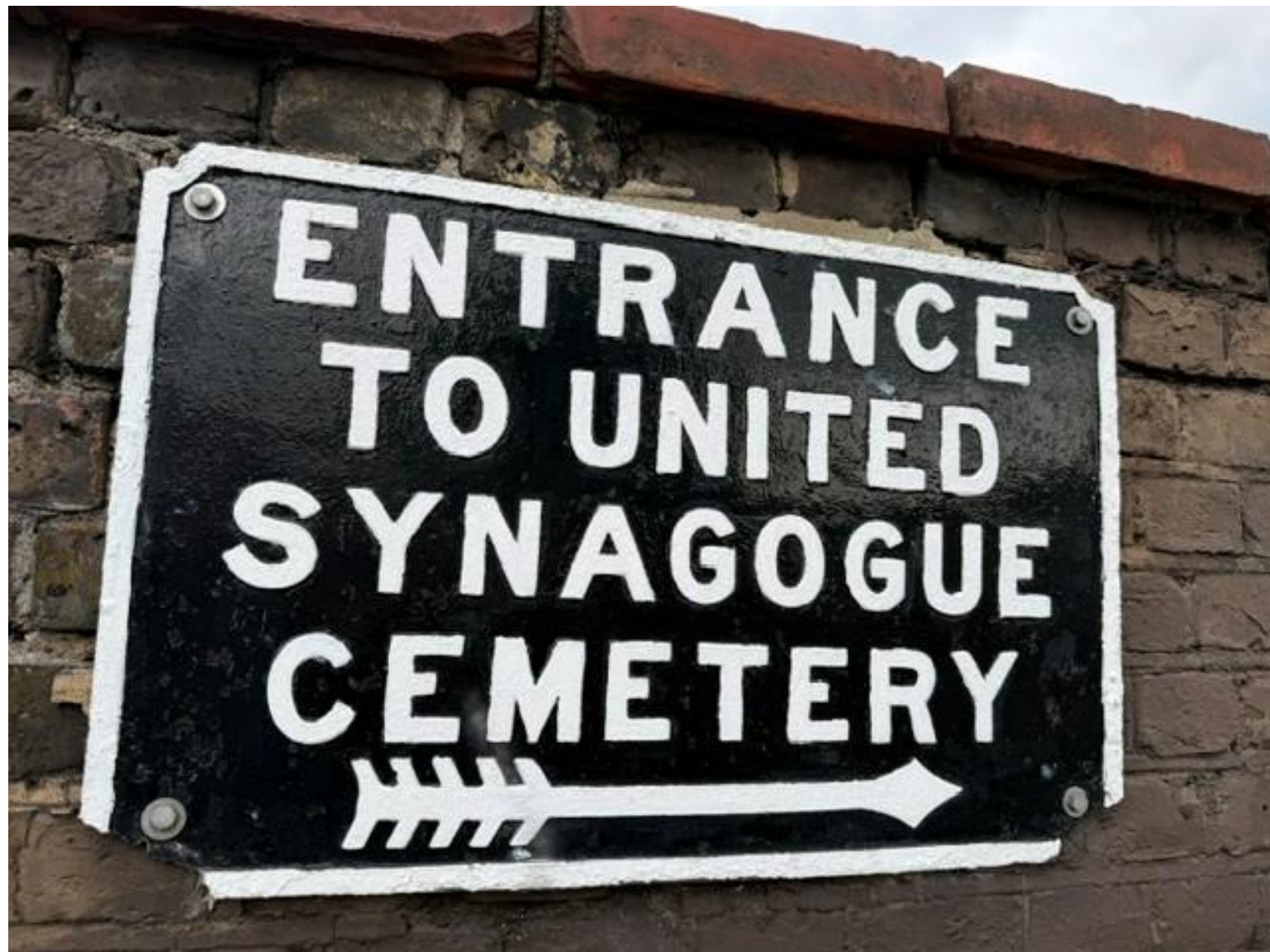




Brent Central Mosque



Brent Sikh Centre





Willesden Jewish Cemetery



Neasden Temple





- **These places will welcome you, even if you are not of their religion**
- **Please go in and say hello**
- **Some offer community services like food banks**
- **Search online for the place of worship you plan to visit, they all have websites**









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# **Children's Play Area**

**Adults must be accompanied  
by a child**

**Brent Sports & Parks Services**

**Telephone 020 8937 5619**





| Day               | 9.30 to 11am                                     | 12 to 1.30pm                 | 2.30 to 4pm                                 |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <b>Mondays</b>    | Gladstone Park,<br>Willesden<br>(9:45 - 11:15am) | Alperton Sports<br>Ground    | Tokyngton Recreation<br>Ground, Stonebridge |
| <b>Tuesdays</b>   | King Edward VII Park,<br>Wembley                 | Neasden<br>Recreation Ground | Eton Grove,<br>Queensbury                   |
| <b>Wednesdays</b> | Chalkhill Park,<br>Wembley                       | Northwick Park,<br>Sudbury   | Roundwood Park,<br>Harlesden                |
| <b>Thursdays</b>  | Gibbons Recreation<br>Ground, Church Road        | Barham Park,<br>Sudbury      | -                                           |
| <b>Fridays</b>    | Preston Park, near<br>Wembley                    | Roundwood Park,<br>Harlesden | -                                           |
| <b>Saturdays</b>  | Tiverton Playing Field                           | Mount Pleasant,<br>Alperton  | -                                           |
| <b>Sundays</b>    | Roe Green Park,<br>Kingsbury                     | Woodcock Park,<br>Kenton     | -                                           |

- **Services like parks and outdoor gyms are always open; others will be open only at specific times**
- **These services are for you but check the rules (like play areas are for children only!)**
- **Visit [brent.gov.uk](https://www.brent.gov.uk) to find out more**



**Cultural sites and activities – in Brent**



# WELCOME TO Paddington Old Cemetery

In the early 1800s London churchyards ran out of burial space and private cemeteries for the rich became big business. The Burial Act of 1832 enabled the development of a series of public cemeteries. This cemetery, built by Paddington Rural Board in 1835, was among the first.

Established on 35 hectares of land in rural Wiltshire, the cemetery is heart-shaped and intersected by a main drive and a series of paths, now subsequently filled with grass. Scattered throughout the site are Thomas Little (1802 - 1859), whose tomb is in the north-western section, was chosen to design the cemetery's plot and buildings. The main drive leads to Little's 13 Gothic-style chapel. Near remaining tombstones, grave monuments, and several mausoleums are found in the northern half of the cemetery, where it used once to be found. In all, nearly 300,000 people are buried here. The cemetery is Grade II listed by Historic England.

The southern half contains many graves, but fewer and smaller monuments, and includes two raised areas described as "sunfields". A higher island section has been built up on top of earlier graves, and is still being used for burials, although space is rapidly dwindling.

**1. The Burial Act 1832**  
The Burial Act of 1832 gave the government the power to regulate burials in London. It required that burials be in a public cemetery, and that the cemetery be enclosed by a wall.



**2. Thomas Little**  
Thomas Little (1802 - 1859) was the first burial agent in London. He was responsible for the design and construction of the cemetery.

**3. Burial of Little by Thomas Little**  
Little was buried in the cemetery in 1859. His tomb is a simple stone slab.



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a guided, GPS-based  
tour with City Centre  
Or pick up a leaflet here.



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**6. God's Acre**  
A God's Acre is a small area of land, often a square or rectangle, which is used for burials. It is often a simple stone slab.

## STATUES AND STORIES

Some monuments celebrate the deceased, others tell a story of their lives and times. Some are simple, others are elaborate. The cemetery is a place of peace and reflection.

Paddington Old Cemetery had different changes for plots in the cemetery and in the surrounding area. The plots were used for burials, and the surrounding area was used for other purposes.

Over time, due to weathering and earth movements, many 19th-century monuments and materials have collapsed or disintegrated and had to be removed. However, it is worth noting that the cemetery is a place of peace and reflection.

The families who built many of the monuments and materials in the cemetery are the Little family, the Kelly family, and the Condon family. They are all buried in the cemetery.



In the 19th century, there were many religious orders in the cemetery, including the Community of St. Peter, the Community of St. Mary, and the Community of St. John.

Since 1986, Brent Council has owned and administered Paddington Old Cemetery, which was originally from the City of Westminster. Brent Council has been responsible for the cemetery since 1986.



## NATURE

Paddington Old Cemetery is a green space, and it is a place of peace and reflection. It is a place where people can go to find peace and reflection.

There are many trees in the cemetery, and they are a beautiful sight. The trees are a mix of different species, and they are all well-maintained.

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## STATUS AND STORIES

Some memorials advertise the addresses, social status, occupations and achievements of the Victorian buried, while others fail to reveal their crimes and misdemeanours. Paddington contains the remains of the good, the great, the bad, and, of course, the wonderfully unique but uncelebrated dead!

Paddington Old Cemetery had different charges for plots in consecrated and un-consecrated ground, for plot sizes and construction, for adults and for children. Payments determined the height and size of memorials. The cemetery had extensive rules, too. The work of undertakers, builders, monumental masons and the conduct of visitors was strictly regulated.

Over time, due to weathering and earth movements, many 19th century gravestones and memorials have collapsed or disintegrated and had to be removed. However, a wander through the pathways and grounds reveals memorials still telling a story of changing demographics, global movements and migration as people from across the United Kingdom, from Ireland, from Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, the Caribbean and the Americas came to live, work and die in London and be buried here in the cemetery.

The families who built many of the tombs and memorials – the Crambs, the Kellys and the Crooks – are also buried and memorialised here. Fittingly, the creator of the world-famous Paddington Bear, Michael Bond, now lies in the shade of trees below a simple headstone, usually bedecked by miniature bears left by grateful readers of every age.

To the right inside the entrance, in the far north-western corner, there are plots dedicated to religious orders including the Community of Sisters connected to St Augustines, Kilburn Park and the Community of St Peter who were based near the old Kilburn Priory, behind Kilburn High Road station.

Since 1986, Brent Council has owned and administered Paddington Old Cemetery, which was acquired from the City of Westminster. Brent oversaw its reinstatement as both a burial ground and a greenspace much valued by the local community.

## NATURE

Paddington Old Cemetery is a precious green haven for the local community as well as a burial ground. A small part of the cemetery was leased to...

### 4. The Tichborne Claimant

(NB Grave is unmarked as there is no longer a tombstone)

her's son, Arthur Orton, is the missing heir to Sir Roger Tichborne. Accused of perjury, the Ortons were enthralled by his story and thousands attended his funeral. Many believed him and the Tichborne family...

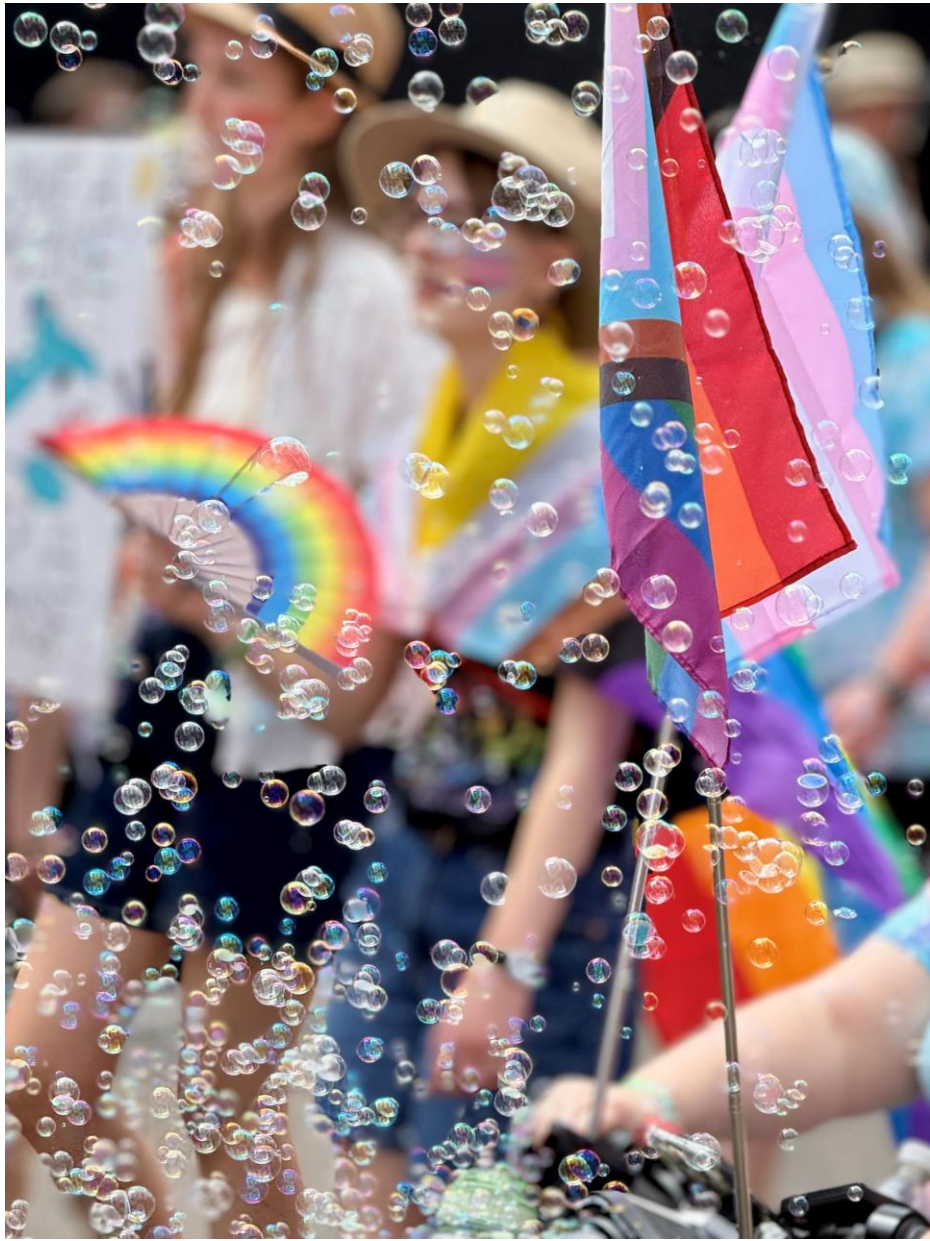


- While some activities cost money to enter, many are free for you to enjoy
- Brent is a really interesting place, with activities happening all the time, particularly over the summer
- Look up things to do here:
- Try to build a routine involving exercise, study and cultural activities (in Brent and beyond)



**Cultural sites and activities – in London**























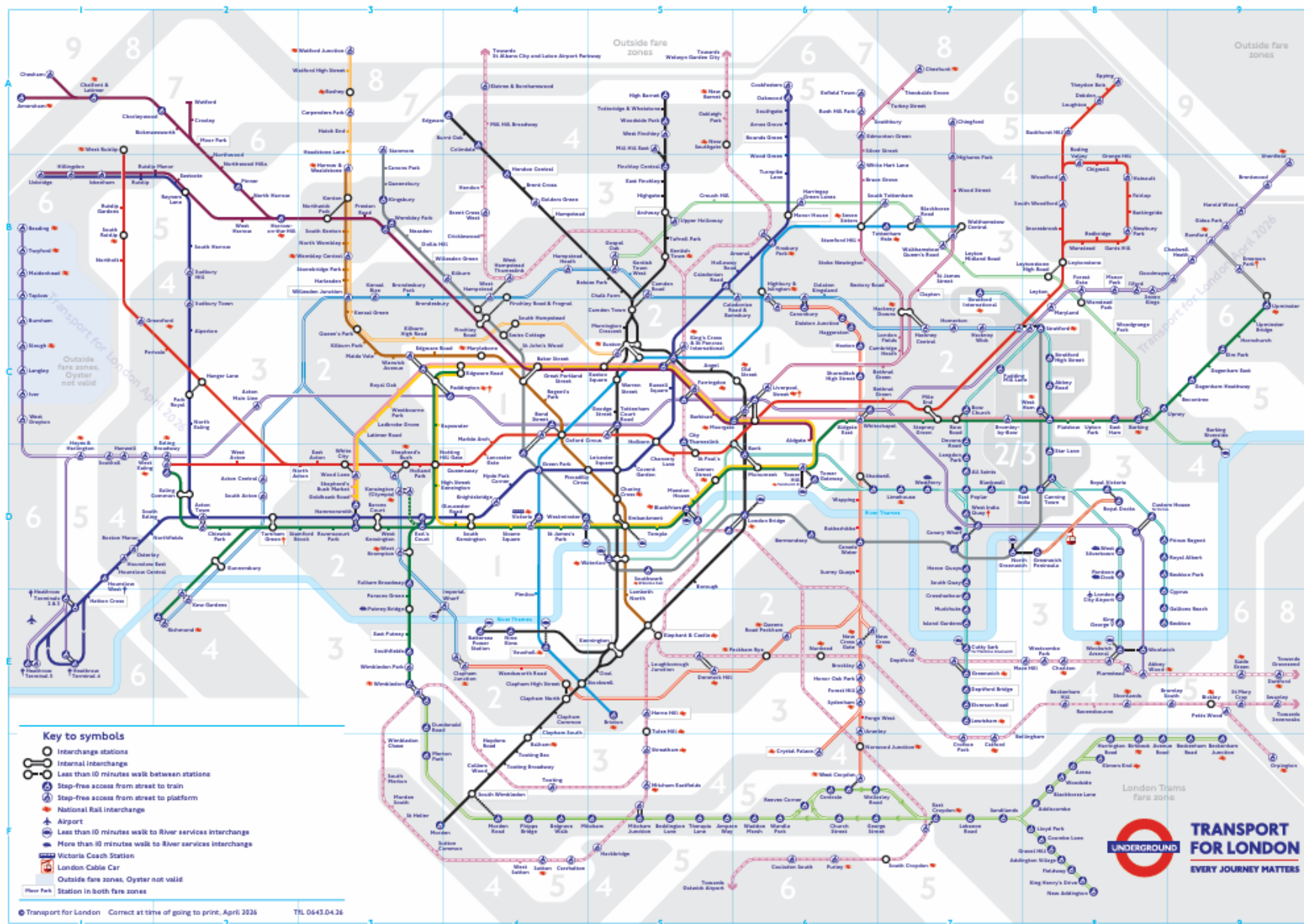


**Traveling around Brent and London**



# Local Bus Routes





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Quick quiz

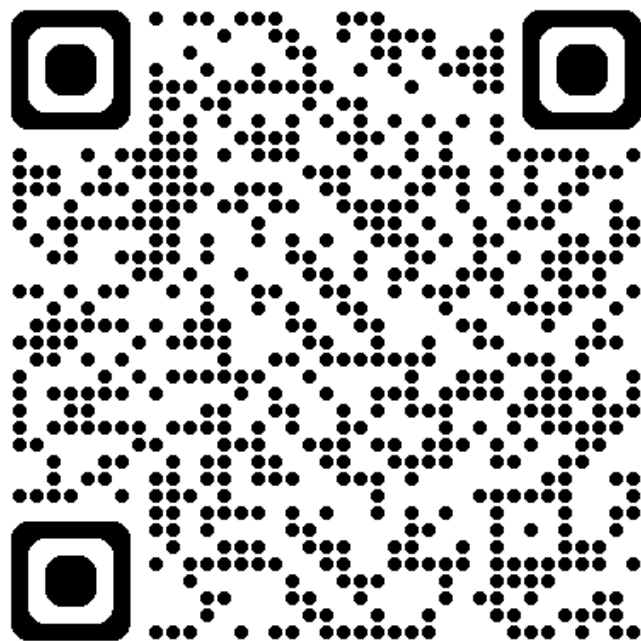
**Quick Question 1: Who is the famous author buried in Paddington Cemetery? Which character did he create?**

**Quick Question 2: What is the name of the famous theatre on Kilburn High Road?**

**Quick Question 3: are the places we've talked about today open only to people who were born in the UK or to people of one religion?**

**Services and activities in Brent and Britain –  
they're for you!**





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