

## **Brent Museum and Brent Archives: Exhibitions and Projects 2012**

### **A project to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee**

Spring 2012



Brent Museum and Brent Archives worked with some of the local elders who meet at the Elders Voice centres in Kingsbury and Kensal Rise.



Using material from the Archives, the elders shared memories of the 1953 Coronation and developed ideas for gifts they would give the Queen to celebrate her jubilee. With the help of Lindsey Holmes, a craft sewing specialist, the ideas were turned first into drawings and patterns, and then into a quilt which was

placed on display in Brent Museum.

We would like to thank all the elders and staff at Elders Voice for their participation and support.

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### **Stadium Full Of Dreams: Reflections of the 1948 Olympic Games in Wembley and beyond**

Online exhibition



This online exhibition complimented an exhibition displayed in Wembley Central Square 2 July – 26 August 2012. The exhibition featured British athletes who took part in the 1948 Olympic Games, people who attended it and young people from Brent who have been inspired by the 2012 Olympic Games coming to London.

The London 2012 Olympic Games is the third time London has hosted the summer Olympic Games. Wembley Stadium was the second largest 2012 venue after the Olympic Stadium in Stratford and it hosted the men's and women's football finals. Wembley Arena hosted Badminton and Rhythmic Gymnastics events.

The 1948 summer Olympic Games were the first Olympic Games held after the Second World War. They became known as the 'Austerity Games' due to the post-war economic climate. Wembley Stadium, then known as Empire Stadium, was a key venue. A cinder track was laid down to adapt the stadium for athletics and as no new venues were built, pre-existing ones were adapted for use.

1908 was the first time the Olympic Games were held in London. The White City Stadium in West London was built for the occasion. In Brent, part of the marathon went through Harlesden and Uxendon (Preston/Barn Hill area) was the venue for clay pigeon shooting.

The online exhibition gave an opportunity for people to see memorabilia Brent Museum and Brent Archives hold in their collections and gave people the chance to tell their stories about the 1948, 2012 or any other Olympic Games they had experienced

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## Stories of the World: This is Brent



Following on from the success of Stories of the World 'This is Me, This is Harlesden' project in summer 2011, we worked with a group of young people to explore Brent both past and present.

The project involved young people becoming cultural researchers where they collected information about different parts of the borough by researching at Brent Archives, taking photographs, writing poems and

interviewing local people.

The results of this research has been put together to make a booklet that can be seen by using this link. [http://issuu.com/brentcouncil/docs/this\\_is\\_brent/1?e=0](http://issuu.com/brentcouncil/docs/this_is_brent/1?e=0)

'This is Brent' is part of Stories of the World, one of the major projects at the heart of the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad.

The Cultural Olympiad began in 2008, and uses the power of the Olympic and Paralympic Games to inspire creativity across all forms of culture, especially amongst young people.

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