

FUN FACTS

- While at Harrow School, Lord Byron was involved in a plot to blow up the headmaster of the school by laying a trail of gunpowder through passages in the house.
- During the 18th century, Harrow Weald was home to Daniel Dancer, one of England's most notorious misers. After his death, £2500 was unearthed in a dung heap, £600 in a teapot and over £200 in his unused chimney.
- Harrow was the scene of the first fatal motor car accident involving a passenger, which took place on Grove Hill in 1899.
- The Victorian celebrity chef Isabella Beeton ran a soup kitchen for the poor in Hatch End during the winter of 1858.
- W.S. Gilbert (of Gilbert & Sullivan) and Thomas Blackwell (of Crosse and Blackwell) were at one time next-door neighbours living in Harrow.
- The Harrow School uniform still features a black tie, which the boys were instructed to wear at the time of the death of Queen Victoria. As nobody instructed the boys to stop wearing the tie after the mourning period had ended, it is still part of the uniform today.
- One of the hottest R & B venues of the mid-sixties was the Railway hotel, adjacent to Harrow and Wealdstone train station. This was the venue where The Who were accidentally discovered by future manager Kit Lambert.
- 80's pop star Simon Le Bon attended West Lodge Infants and Primary School and sang in the choir at Pinner Parish Church.
- Harrow is the 12th largest London borough by area
- Harrow public school is famous for educating seven Prime Ministers, including Winston Churchill, and has also featured in the Harry Potter films
- 22% of Harrow's population identify themselves as 'Indian' in ethnicity, the highest in London
- Harrow is the most religiously diverse local authority in the UK; there's a 62% chance that two random residents would be from different religious groups
- One fifth of the borough is composed of parkland and open spaces, creating a green belt equivalent to eight Hyde Parks
- Vivienne Westwood's only brief training in fashion design was a term at Harrow Art School. Her family also ran a sub-post office at 31 Station Road, Harrow.

ABOUT HARROW

Harrow is an area in the London borough of Harrow northwest London, UK.. It is a suburban area and is situated 10.5 miles (16.9 km) northwest of Charing Cross. Harrow was a municipal borough of Middlesex before its inclusion in Greater London in 1965. Harrow is widely known for Harrow School, one of the most famous schools in the world.

Harrow's name comes from Old English *hearg* = "(heathen) temple", which was most likely on the hill of Harrow, where St. Mary's Church stands to this today.

Notable current and former Harrow residents include –

- Peter André, singer, was born in Harrow
- David Baddiel, comedian, lives in Hatch End.
- Ronnie Barker, comedian, lived in Pinner

- James Blunt, singer, educated at Harrow School
- Lord Byron, poet, educated at Harrow School, 1801-05
- Todd Carty, actor and director, best known for his role in *EastEnders* lives in Harrow
- Ian Dury, musician, of Ian Dury and the Blockheads was born in Harrow Weald
- Loick Essien, singer lives in Harrow
- Tom Fletcher, singer/guitarist with McFly born in Harrow
- Michelle Gayle, actress and singer lives in Harrow-on-the-Hill
- W. S. Gilbert of Gilbert and Sullivan fame lived and died at Grim's Dyke in Harrow Weald
- Blake Harrison, *The Inbetweeners* actor, lives in Stanmore
- Gavin Harrison, musician, drummer of Porcupine Tree and King Crimson
- Billy Idol singer, born in Stanmore
- JLS, the famous boyband share a house in Harrow
- Sir Elton John, legendary musician, brought up in Pinner Hill Road
- Mark Lamar moved from Swindon to Harrow in his late teens
- Simon Le Bon, lead singer of Duran Duran, brought up in Harrow
- Matt Lucas, comedian, born in Stanmore and went to Harrow College
- Linsey Dawn McKenzie, glamour model
- Roger Moore, actor, famous for his role as James Bond lived in Gordon Avenue, Stanmore
- Kate Nash, female singer/musician lives in Harrow
- Dev Patel, actor, stars in *Skins*
- Stuart Pearce, played for Wealdstone FC 1978-83
- Michael Portillo, presenter and politician
- David Suchet, actor, Poirot
- Sir Roger Bannister, famous runner and neurologist
- Byron Bubb international footballer
- Angus Fraser, England Cricketer
- Audley Harrison, boxer
- Vinnie Jones, ex-footballer and actor played for Wealdstone FC 1984-88
- Adrian Mariappa, Reading defender
- John-Joe O'Toole, Colchester United footballer
- Mark Ramprakash, cricketer, lived in Hatch End
- Theo Walcott, born in Stanmore
- Jay Sean was raised in North Harrow
- Pam St. Clement, actress who played Pat Butcher in *EastEnders* was born in Harrow-on-the-Hill
- Rod Stewart, singer owns property in Hatch End
- David Suchet, actor, lived in Pinner
- Screaming Lord Sutch, leader of The Monster Raving Loony Party lived and died in Harrow
- Faye Tozer, singer from Steps lived in Harrow
- Jeremy Vine, Radio 2 presenter, lives in Pinner
- Charlie Watts, drummer with The Rolling Stones, attended Harrow Art College
- Barbara Windsor, famed for her roles in the Carry On films and *EastEnders* lives in Stanmore
- Diane Abbott, politician, grew up in Harrow
- Winston Churchill, British Prime Minister, attended Harrow School beginning 1888
- Jawaharlal Nehru, first Prime Minister of India, attended Harrow School
- King Hussein of Jordan, attended Harrow School

