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Harlesden



What do you know about Harlesden?



Hawkeye Records

- Hawkeye Records was founded by Roy Forbes Allen better known as Hawkeye on the 3rd December 1977 at 2A Craven Park Road.
- At the start the staff were the late Dennis Forbs, (Hawkeyes older brother), Ernie Harriet (Daddy Ernie) and Gerry Anderson. The Record shop continues to be run by Gerry.
- Hawkeye Records have produced music for many Reggae artists with one track reaching #1 on the Black Reggae chart for 8 weeks running and earned a Reggae award.
- Hawkeye has been central to making reggae music available locally and internationally. You can hear Hawkeye on RJR radio 9.30 to 12 every Sunday morning.



Starlight Records

- A record label owned by Popsy and Desmond Bryan with shared premises at 17 Craven Park Road, NW10 in Harlesden.
- Starlight record released reggae material produced by the label owners, they were the outlet for many Jamaican producers, such as Prince Jammy, Winston Riley and Bunny Lee.



Jet Star Records

- Jet Star was formed in 1978 by the Palmer Brothers, who had previously run Pama Records. The new company began releasing records on its Charm label. The *Reggae Hits* series was started in 1984 and became the world's longest-running series of reggae compilations. Further series' of album releases followed, such as the specialist 'Just Ragga' and 'Pure Lovers' titles alongside the ground-breaking 'Jungle Hits' series.
- In 2008, Jet Star was sold to Phoenix Music International Ltd who continue to distribute the Jet Star label digitally.



Trojan Records

- Trojan Records was founded in 1968.
- Trojan was instrumental in introducing reggae to a global audience and by 1970 had secured a series of major UK chart hits.
- The company also highlighted music by artists largely unknown outside Jamaica, many of which would later become major international recording stars - among these were **Dennis Brown**, **Gregory Isaacs** and a Kingston-based vocal trio called **Bob Marley & the Wailers**.



Some of Our Musical Heroes

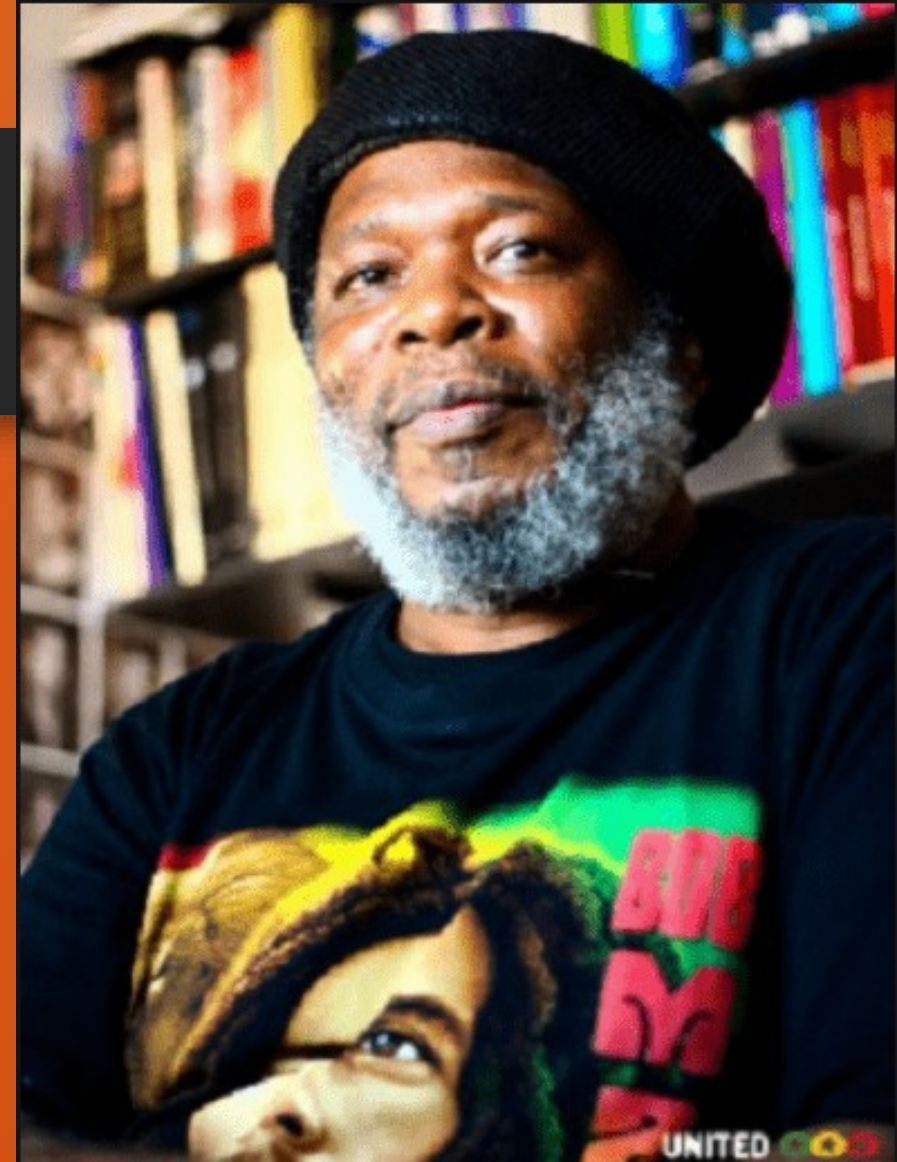
Here are the artists that have contributed to Harlesden's history.

Delroy Washington

- **Delroy Washington** (5 November 1952 - 27 March 2020) was a Jamaican-British reggae singer who moved to London in the early 1960's.
- BRITISH REGGAE pioneer and singer, Delroy Washington, was one of the first artists to be signed to a major record company such as CBS, Island and Virgin.
- Delroy was a big advocate for British reggae and helped lots of artists to launch careers in the music business including Boney M's Liz Mitchell, Junior Giscombe, David Grant, Phil Fearon and Hi-Tension. He supported the careers of UK Reggae artists Aswad and Steel Pulse, Soul II Soul's Caron Wheeler, Queen of Lovers Rock Carroll Thompson and coached Bob Marley's children The Melody Makers in Jamaica during their childhood.
- Here is one of Delroy Washington's songs:

[Give all the praise to Jah](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v9MltZBOYGM>



Bob Marley

- Robert Nesta Marley (Bob Marley) born on the 6th of February 1945 in Nine Mile, Jamaica.
- In 1972, Bob Marley and the Wailers, already recognised in Jamaica but unknown to the rest of the world, lived in Neasden, 13 The Circle as they started on their mission to bring their music to a bigger audience.
- Here are some songs you might know:

Iron lion Zion <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tBWfJSm-c>

Get up stand up
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tg97JiBn1kE>

One Love <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdB-8eLEW8g>



Dennis Brown

- Dennis Emmanuel Brown known as Dennis Brown has a blue plaque that was unveiled outside the Harlesden house where the renowned Jamaican reggae singer lived for six years.
- The tribute to Dennis Brown on Harlesden Road, was revealed by Nubian Jak Community Trust, who funded the commemorative tablet.
- Two songs of Dennis Brown:

[Here I come](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ohhXi637ypg>

[Money in my Pocket](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0HZ04FPK0S8>



Janet Kay

- Janet Kay, (born 17 January 1958) is an English vocalist born in Willesden, North West London.
- She was discovered singing unrehearsed at a rehearsal studio by Tony "Gad" Robinson, the keyboardist from Aswad, who recommended Kay to Alton Ellis.
- Two songs by Janet Kay:

Lovin' You

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lpESxj-NA3Y>

Silly games

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GFHgabCM7QM>



Carroll Thompson

- Carroll Thompson undertook classical piano training and sang in school and church choirs as a girl, but initially studied for a career in pharmacy. She began working as a backing singer at several recording studios after auditioning for Frank Farian's Sugar Cane group.
- Carroll is best known as 'Queen of Lovers Rock'.
- Carroll is one of the most prolific singers from Brent and she has sung with people like Michael Jackson, Stevie Wonder, Natalie Cole, Pet shop boys, Boy George, Robbie Williams, Maxi Priest, Chaka Khan, Asward, & M people, and many more.

- Two music tracks by Carroll Thompson:

Hopelessly in love

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dXyikEd2SC0>

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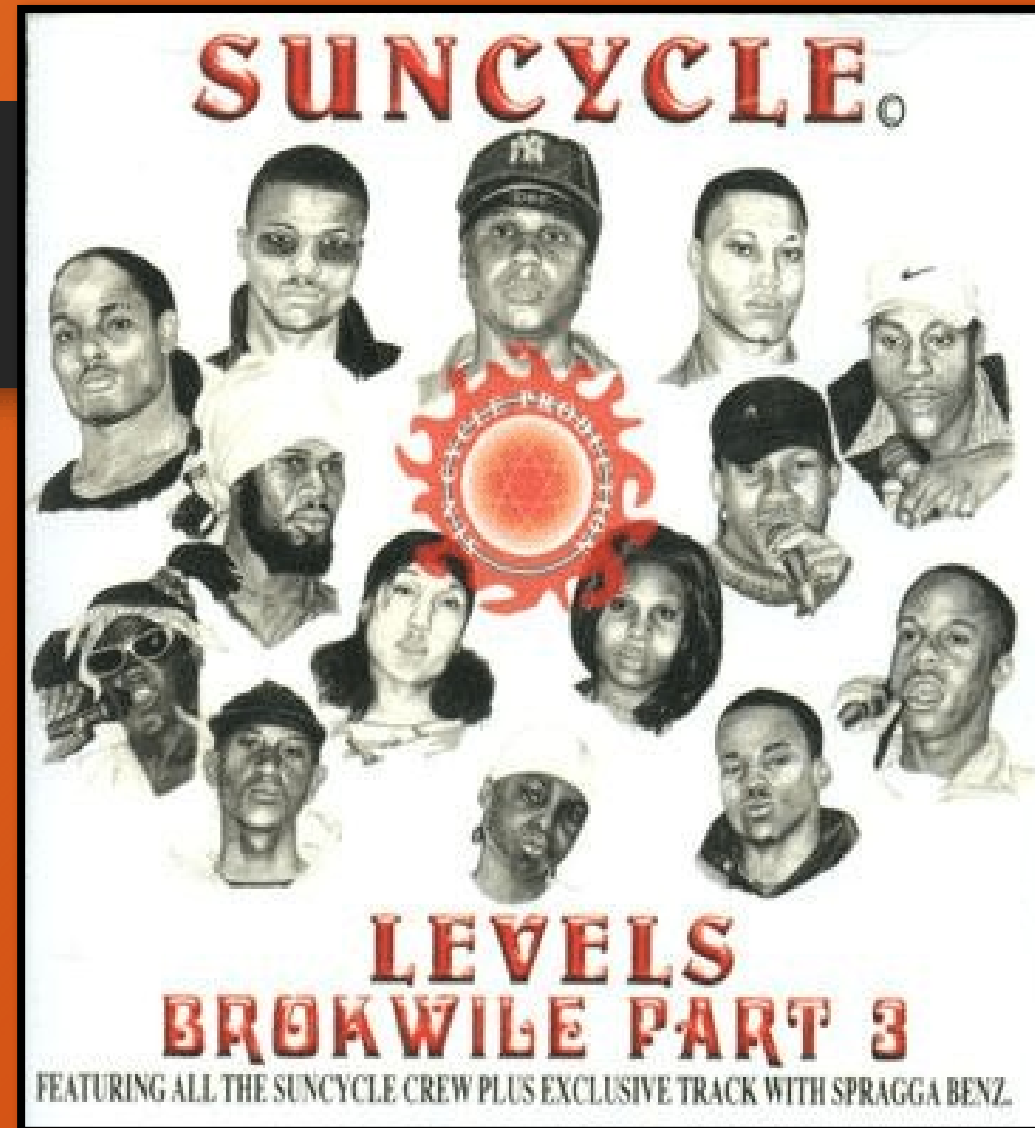
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Suncycle

- Suncycle was a crew based in Stonebridge. It was made up of local artists who came together to create the Suncycle Crew.
- Suncycle crew included artists such as Gappy Ranks, Dolomite, Shortie Kwarmz , Kanny Kedar, Carla Marie, Redman, Vigilante, Sarita, Venno Floss and Cash Money.
- Listen to one of their popular songs:

[Somebody](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gpezOpR2A2w)<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gpezOpR2A2w>



General Levy

- Paul Scott Levy also known as General Levy was born on 28 April 1971 in Park Royal, London, England.
- He is an English ragga deejay, regularly employed on studio tracks by drum and bass DJs. He is best known for the track "Incredible" which he recorded with M-Beat. A remixed version of this reached number 8 in the UK Singles Chart in 1994.
- Here is general Levy's best known song:

[Incredible](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mL2Bgj-za5k>



Gappy Ranks

- **Jacob Lee Williams**, better known as **Gappy Ranks**, is an English dancehall musician of Jamaican and Dominican descent, from Harlesden, London.
- Gappy has always had strong interest in music from a young age. He would spend his spare time writing songs, even while he was in school! He went on to live up to his year 5 class report which said he would grow up to be a fabulous music artist.

Here is one of Gappy's Ranks songs:

[Picture On the Wall https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=elRoOKx2xYw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=elRoOKx2xYw)



