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“Soul and Reggae music events for the Grenfell Community”

Following the 2nd anniversary of the horrific tragedy that occurred in our community, please take time out to support us and the local community right here at Grenfell for events simply entitled:

BACK IN THE DAYZ... &
REGGAE meets LOVERS ROCK
Under the Flyover
(7.30pm til 1.00am).
for ages: 30+ only



Our story

Do remember, Rapattack is not just the official Grenfell Soundsystem.

The Rapattack Soul SoundSystem (established in 1984) has its origins firmly rooted within the local Notting Dale - Grenfell community. We were brought up in the area and have fond memories. Our pioneering days included some fantastic warehouse parties on Treadgold Street and other big house-parties that were popular back in the 1980's when the area was mostly industrialised and poverty-stricken.

Some of us even had flats in the Grenfell block itself and today family and friends still reside on other parts of this Lancaster West and the Silchester Estates. These days however, Notting Dale and Norland has seen a major shift following decades of gentrification. The area is now proudly described in literature as 'an affluent district in West London'. Long gone are the factories, the slums, the rag & bone men, the horses, the 2 big car scrap yards and

the WW2 V-2 rocket bombsites and other places that we as kids used for playgrounds when growing up back in the 70's and 80's...



My my, it's amazing how things have changed

City Bankers, Bus Drivers, Market stall workers, Entrepreneurs, Waitresses, Beggars, Hustlers, Catholics, Protestants, Muslims, Hindus etc, etc, etc. Brazilians, Italians, Somalians, Spanish, Caribbeans, Irish, Greek. You name it... we have all sorts (mixing, living, socialising and working closely together in harmony). It's a friendly place to be. Outsiders have always loved the vibes here and snap up properties like hotcakes. Since PM Margaret Thatcher introduced the POLL TAX (1990), the growing demand (spurred on the influx of the yuppie) has led to ex-council housing apartments now being valued at over £1,000,000, in the vicinity of posh Georgian houses and unique

complexes that come with a multi-million pound price-tag.

As Lord Adebawale (Chief Executive of the charity Turning Point) puts it:

‘... it highlights how successful housing policies have denied many people on low incomes the security of safe, decent quality places to live’

What many of the newcomers do not realise is that this area is considered as a cultural epicentre. Our neighbourhood has a long history of community change-makers and in attracting intellectuals, creatives and campaigners. Ladbroke Grove & Latimer has always had a major influence for development of race-relations and government policy change within the UK's troubled history of racial politics. In the 1950's, white working-class "Teddy Boys" displayed hostility towards black families in the area, leading to the famously documented riots (a situation which was exploited by far-right groups such as the White Defence League, who urged disaffected white residents to "Keep Britain White").

Today the focus is on Grenfell. Back in the 70's and 80's other examples include what is documented as a 'Black Panther movement in the UK, showing the power of black activism and the institutionalised police prejudice'.

It's funny how tragedy and great disaster can bring people together

Unfortunately, it was our local Muslim community in particular who bore the brunt of this disaster. There were Eritreans, Sudanese, Egyptians, Afghans and Sierra Leoneans, among those commemorated this week. Some had lived in the tower and worked in the area for many years, having come to the UK as refugees from war. Others had landed mainly in search of opportunity. Had this occurred 20

years ago, it would have been the Caribbean community who would have suffered the major impact. The building has always been used for people of colour, ever since it was built back in the 70's.

Never-the-less, the air of community has now returned to the manor in the aftermath, which glad to say has brought back feelings and the meaning of true community spirit. Multicultural messages of love and togetherness are deep and firmly rooted in this part of town.

There's not a day which goes by where we are not reminded. Clues, wreaths, posters, banners are littered everywhere. The daily interactions with neighbours, friends, other locals, relatives and people who were affected, or continue to play crucial roles socially, and politically (ie with the "Justice for Grenfell" campaign) have become part of our everyday lives. Our hearts and minds cry out to families and side by side we're all going through the recovery process and supporting each other the best way we can during this time of grief. All we want is answers.

This is our home and we all love it here.

“Long live Ladbroke Grove...”

...and Big up all Londoners who continue to spread love and contribute to making this great city of ours one of the coolest places to be.

Funky people and dance lovers aged 30+, are all given the unique opportunity to all come together as a community and we urge you all to let your hair down and support our local venue. It's also now a practical impossibility to experience a venue in the heart of West London with great music (and strictly vinyl) being delivered on a crystal clear and banging soundsystem.

These are great nights to reminisce.

BACK IN THE DAYZ... & REGGAE meets LOVERS ROCK, SOFT SOUL & RARE GROOVES Exclusive party nights held in the Grenfell area @ CLUB MAXILLA

Maxilla Walk, London W10 6SW

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Bar drinks menu

As we focus on community...
Not only will there be solid musical
entertainment
but incredibly amazing drink prices at the
bar

Bottled Beers (various)- £3.50

Draught beers (various) pint - £4

Spirits - £3

Spirit with splash of mixer - £3.20

Sprit with full bottle of mixer £4.20

Prosecco (75cl bottles)- £16

Prosecco (20cl bottles)- £ 5

Veuve Clicquot - Champagne £50

Laurent Perrier Champagne £70

Coming together as a community to spread
messages of peace, love and harmony in
our neighbourhood.



2 FORTHCOMING EVENTS !!!
on selected Saturdays right
through 2020

i. **BACK in the DAYZ**

ii. **REGGAE meets
LOVERS ROCK,SOFT
SOUL & RARE GROOVES**

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Ages 30+ only

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