

Happy New Year 2026 to you all
The Redbridge Music Lounge

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'Make Music , Enjoy Life'

BILLBOARD

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*****Thursday Sessions are broadly acoustic*
12.30 – 4.00 pm

Tues 6 - Wed 7 - Thurs 8 - Jan (acoustic)

Tues 13 - Wed 14 - Thurs 15 - Jan (acoustic)

Tues 20 - Wed 21 - Thurs 22 - Jan (acoustic)

Tues 27 - Wed 28 - Thurs 29 - Jan (acoustic)

For all musicians, composers and songwriters

The Redbridge Music Lounge aims to establish an opportunity to network with local musicians, of all genres and ages, to promote, develop and perform the diverse musical culture found within our local community.

The Cranbrook Centre

Melbourne Gate Melbourne Road

Valentines Park Ilford IG1 4SB

**Please feel free to bring along your
instruments and perform**

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Ilford & Redbridge Business Awards 2025
The Redbridge Music Lounge
Win the
Redbridge Art & Culture Award



ILFORD & REDBRIDGE BUSINESS AWARDS 2025 WINNERS	
Category	Winners
Word Best BEAUTY Business of the year	Studio One Hair & Skincare
Word Best Cafe & Dessert Business	★ Costa Coffee (Cranbrook Estate) ★ Cakes
Word Best Fashion Business of the year	TK Maxx (Ilford)
Word Best Finance Sector Business	Tacare Accountancy Ltd
Word Best Hospitality Business of the year	GR Lounge
Word Best in Customer Service	Cranbrook Lettings Ltd
Word Best Independent Business of the year	Palmer Wellness Ltd
Word Best Large Business of the year	New Look Retailers Ltd
Word Best Legacy Business	City Gates Church
Word Best Media Business of the year	Hasnand Radio
Word Best New Business of the year	Golden Six Star Hotel
Word Best Retail Business of the year	Impressions Print & Signage Ltd
Word Business of the year	Reynolds Care UK Ltd
Word Employer of the Year	TSB Bank
Redbridge Art & Culture Award	The Redbridge Music Lounge
Redbridge Beacon Award	Muslimah Sports Association
Redbridge Best Sustainable Transition Business	Mart Rose College of Management & Sciences
Redbridge Business of the year	Edwards Duffie Sharnash Solicitors
Redbridge Health & Wellbeing Champion	Santa Land
Redbridge Safety & Security Award	★ Ilford Town Centre Police Station ★ London Borough Of Redbridge
Redbridge Social Value Award	Colours of Redbridge
Word Best Business Social Media Campaign	★ Facebook ★ Instagram ★ Twitter ★ YouTube ★ LinkedIn
Redbridge Best Child Friendly Business Award	★ Kidz Zone ★ Kids World ★ Kids World
Redbridge Most Active Businesses Making Change	★ The Redbridge Music Lounge ★ The Redbridge Music Lounge
Word & Redbridge Business Awards Star Award	Golden Sector

I am so proud to announce that

The Redbridge Music Lounge was the winner of the the Redbridge Art & Culture Award at the 2025 Ilford & Redbridge Business Awards ceremony in December. A huge thank you to all of you who voted for us.

It is a particularly impressive achievement as, since I founded RML in 2009, the organisation and its activities have been run by volunteers and totally funded by grants and donations even when awarded charity status in 2013

This award is a reflection of the tremendous effort of the RML Trustees and Committee to make 2025 our most successful year to date in all aspects.

We have:-

- Increased membership and attendances at all our activities and events some doubled.
- added more open music sessions, rehearsal opportunities and special events at our base the **Cranbrook Centre** in Valentines Park.
- increased our Friday night **RML Music Club** at The Cranbrook castle Tennis Club.
- Increased from **7 to 9 Best of The Music Fest** free open-air concerts in the walled garden of the Valentines Park Mansion.
- provided music entertainment in shopping centres and care homes throughout the borough.
- Given performance opportunities in 2025 to over **80 music acts** , ranging from **soloists, duos, groups, bands and choirs** representing all music genres, cultures and age groups.

To summarise this award has given *The Redbridge Music Lounge* a springboard for further development and offer greater opportunities for local musicians to perform to the public.

Our charitable remit is working well:-

The aims and objectives of the charity are to promote, maintain, improve and advance the education and appreciation of the public in the art of music.

'Make Music , Enjoy Life'

Chris Wyatt
Chair of

The Redbridge Music Lounge



At the Cranbrook Castle Tennis Club

Next on Friday 30 Jan 2026

Acts TBA



Incredible opportunity for all RML members

RML are to produce a concert performance of a new musical,
Ship of Dreams: The Concert

It is based on the sinking of RMS Titanic,
with lyrics by Roy Murphy and music by RML member Bob Gilbert.

Having already been performed with great success in Camden and Leytonstone with sell out performances and standing ovations RML would like to invite RML members to be a part of this RML production and perform it live on stage in front of an audience in a local theatre or venue in 2026 (no acting or dialogue involved, just singing).

All details are on the RML website where you can listen to the complete score and read the list of characters/soloists we require, to help you decide what you would like to apply for. In the New Year we will then make formal applications available for joining the Chorus (no audition required for this, if you apply you are in!). We are looking for a minimum of 20 performers in total, but the more who apply, the better. We are looking, not just for talent, but enthusiasm and commitment. This will be a huge undertaking and, like any live stage show, will not happen unless we all pull together as a team. Once you are in the Chorus you are then eligible to apply for an audition for a maximum of three character/soloist parts. Only RML members can apply, and only those who are willing to join the Chorus will be allowed to audition for character/soloist parts.

In addition to the Chorus and Soloists we are also looking for:

A Choreographer:

To create a short Waltz dance for a duet and to teach the Chorus some movements.

A Choirmaster:

To arrange the Chorus.

For further information please contact Chris Wyatt at RML.

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Live at The Red Lion
Sat 31st January 2026
7pm-10:30pm

The Genesis Tree will be back again for another year, performing the music of early Genesis, Peter Gabriel and Steve Hackett. Plus, support from Jane and Richard.

Book advanced tickets for £12.50:
<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/thegenesistree/1904248>

Tickets on the door for £15.

Join our public Facebook group: The Genesis Tree.



Congratulations to Irene Bull who won the RML Christmas Hamper draw.

A very popular and deserving winner as the organiser of the annual Chingford Festival, Irene has for years given opportunities to many local musicians plus she is a great supporter of RML too.

The Redbridge Music Lounge
RML MUSIC CLUB

Dec 25



La Luna Louvre



Crescendo



Nobody's Fool

Celebrate My Life

Remember me with love and joy,
Let gratitude fill your heart.
Thankful for the time we had,
Gone...yet not apart.

If we measured life in moments,
Not in months or years,
I lived a hundred lifetimes,
Loved by all who hold me dear.

I hope you'll find your smile,
And generously speak my name.
Share stories and my heart,
Your love for life unchanged.
Celebrate the life I lived,
I will be watching from above.
I am always with you,
Sending you my light and love.

JERRY'S LONDON BEATLES TAXI TOURS

RETRACE THE FAB FOURS FAMOUS LONDON LANDMARKS IN A WORLD FAMOUS LONDON TAXI

The tour will be approx 4 hours covering over 30 points of interest. Relax and enjoy a memorable and fascinating drive around the capital with a knowledgeable licensed London taxi driver as your guide.

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BARGAIN BASEMENT
for used instruments & equipment



Tanglewood Acoustic as new with hard case £110
 PRS as new &650



Marshall JCM2000 DSL dual super lead combo
 £275



Yamaha PSR48 with case £50

Line 6 Vetta 11 over £500 accept offers around
 £300



Line 6 Spider11 HD Head and 4 x12
 cabinet and FBV2 footswitch Very good condition.
 Works perfectly as new offers around £200



Crafter Cruiser Strat £55

2 preowned Stagg Bass Guitars £75 each
 Classical Guitar Admira Hand Made Nylon
 strings £150



Boss Octave OC2 £150

DOD envelope pedal £70



Voicetone Reverb as new £145 Full
 Drive £90 TC Delay Nova £150



Roland JV 1080 synth module £150

For further information or to add your own

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