

# 1975-1987

- 1975** **1975** The African Caribbean Leadership Company (ACLC) was formed, originally called the West Indian Leadership Council, now based at the West Indian Cultural Centre in Wood Green.
- 1970s** **mid 1970s** Cheryl Scott and Junior McGraw of Lancasterian Primary School were chosen as models for the drawings in Sunstart Ladybird books, a reading scheme published for children of UK Caribbean families.
- 1977** **1977** On 23 April, the Battle of Wood Green at Duckett's Common saw anti-fascists stop a fascist march, driving the National Front out of the borough.
- 1978** **1978** Bernie Grant elected Labour councillor for Bruce Grove Ward.  
**1978** Organisation of Women of African and Asian Descent (OWAAD), an activist organisation for British black and Asian women, was established. Founder members were Stella Dadzie, Olive Morris and Martha Osamor.
- 1979** **1979** Rock Against Racism concert in Finsbury Park.  
**1979** Third World Recording, record distributors established on the corner of Tottenham High Road and West Green Road, by 1983 this became reggae specialist Body Music.  
**1979** Haringey Black Pressure Group on Education established.
- 1980** **1980** Haringey athlete Heather (Hunte) Oakes won two Olympic bronze medals for the 100m relay, the first in 1980 and then 1984.
- 1982** **1982** Ceddo Film Video Workshop based in Tottenham, set up to empower black film production and training. Funded by Channel Four and the British Film Institute, Ceddo initiated ground-breaking film production and community training, and hosted screenings with filmmakers including Spike Lee.
- 1983** **1983** First Nelson Mandela birthday concert at Alexandra Palace to mark his 65th birthday while he was imprisoned.  
1983 People's World Carnival Band established in Tottenham.  
1983 Afro Hair and Beauty Expo launched by Dyke and Dryden.
- 1984** **1984** Police and Criminal Evidence Act  
**1984** Broadwater Farm Youth Association opened by Ken Livingstone, Leader of the GLC. Based in a disused chip shop on the estate, the association was set up by Dolly Kiffin and Clasford Stirling. Clasford went on to manage Broadwater Farm United Football Club.
- 1985** **1985** Bernie Grant became Leader of Haringey Council, the first black council leader in Europe.  
**1985** Haringey town-twinning with Clarendon, Jamaica.  
**1985** Black Lesbian & Gay Centre, based at Tottenham Town Hall Annexe, opened.  
**1985** On 5 October, four police officers carried out a search for stolen goods at the home of Cynthia Jarrett. During the search, Mrs Jarrett collapsed and soon after, she died. The next evening, a demonstration outside Tottenham Police Station was followed by a violent uprising at Broadwater Farm Estate. PC Keith Blakelock was attacked and died. In 1987, three men, Winston Silcott, Mark Braithwaite and Engin Raghip were wrongly convicted of his murder. Known as The Tottenham Three, they were eventually released after the successful Broadwater Farm Defence Campaign.
- 1986** **1986** Ceddo made The People's Account, a documentary for Channel 4 about the 1985 Broadwater Farm uprising, from the point of view of the black community living on the estate. The Independent Broadcasting Authority demanded editorial changes and as the filmmakers refused, the programme was never shown on British television.
- 1987** **1987** Bernie Grant elected as MP for Tottenham. Bernie, Paul Boateng and Diane Abbott were the first three black MPs in the House of Commons. Bernie wore traditional African dress to the Opening of Parliament.  
**1987** Black History Month launched in UK.  
**1987** Dolly Kiffin and Haringey Councillor Martha Osamor organised the Movement for Civil Rights and Justice march to Downing Street.  
**1987** Marcus Garvey Library foundation stone laid.  
**1987** Positive Images and Haringey Black Action organised Smash the Backlash, the first UK demonstration to highlight the stories of black lesbians and gay men.

