

Where to find the blue plaques of musicians and composers who lived in London

1 Bob Marley
1945–81

Blue plaque
42 Oakley Street,
Chelsea, SW3 5HA
Nearest tube
Sloane Square

2 Benjamin Britten
1913–76

Blue plaque
14 Lancaster Gate,
Bayswater, W2 3LH
Nearest tube
Earl's Court

3 Clara Butt
1872–1936

Blue plaque
7 Harley Road, Swiss
Cottage, NW3 3BX
Nearest tube
St John's Wood

4 Ralph Vaughn Williams
1872–1958

Blue plaque
10 Hanover Terrace,
Regent's Park, NW1 4RJ
Nearest tube
Marylebone

5 Al Bowlly
1899–1941

Blue plaque
Charing Cross Mansions,
26 Charing Cross Road,
WC2H 0DG
Nearest tube
Leicester Square

6 John Lennon
1940–80

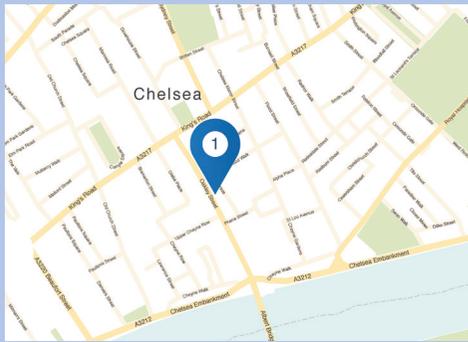
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34 Montagu Square,
Marylebone, W1H 2LJ
Nearest tube
Baker Street

7 Jimi Hendrix
1942–70

Blue plaque
23 Brook Street, Mayfair,
W1K 4HA
Nearest tube
Bond Street

8 Eric Coates
1886–1957

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Chiltern Court,
Baker Street, NW1 5SG
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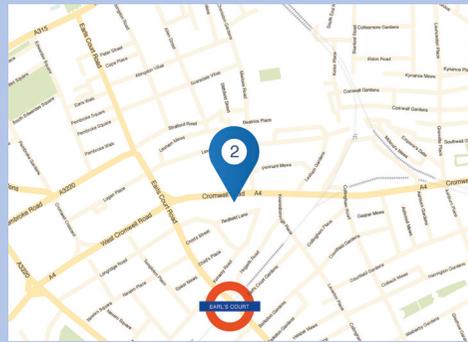


Bob Marley 1945–81

In 1977 Marley's record label, Island, relocated him first to King's Road in Chelsea, and then to a four-storey terraced house at 42 Oakley Street, along with his band The Wailers.

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42 Oakley Street, Chelsea, SW3 5HA



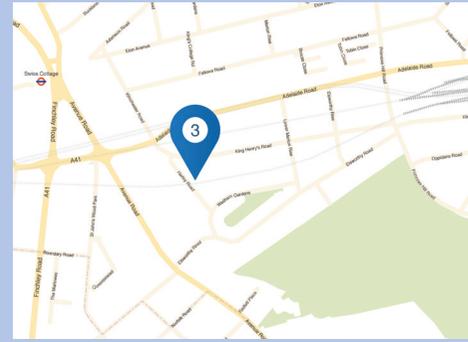
Benjamin Britten 1913–1976

Before becoming one of Britain's best-loved composers

Benjamin Britten lived on the top-floor rooms at 173 Cromwell Road – then a boarding house – with his sister Beth in September 1931.

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14 Lancaster Gate, Bayswater, W2 3LH



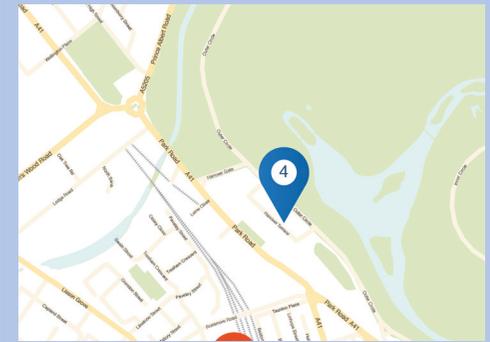
Clara Butt 1872–1936

Sussex-born opera singer Clara Butt, who counted

Edward Elgar among her many admirers, lived at 7 Harley Road with her husband, baritone Robert Rumford, and children, from 1901 to 1929.

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7 Harley Road, Swiss Cottage, London, NW3 3BX



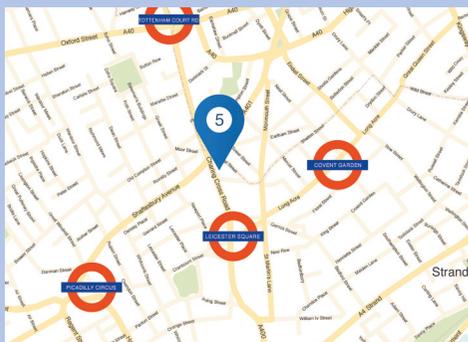
Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872–1958

Composer Vaughan Williams

moved to 10 Hanover Terrace with his second wife Ursula Wood in 1953.

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10 Hanover Terrace, Regent's Park, London, NW1 4RJ



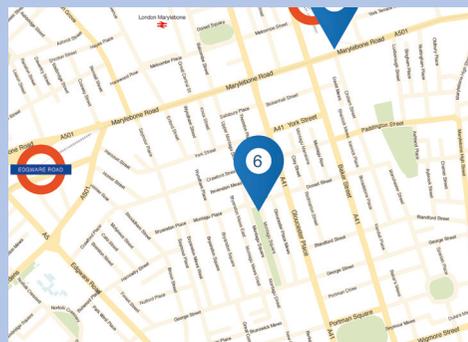
Al Bowlly 1899–1941

In the 1930s, Bowlly was Europe's most popular singer.

He also toured the US and recorded a total of over 600 78rpm records between 1927 and 1941.

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Charing Cross Mansions, 26 Charing Cross Road, London, WC2H 0DG



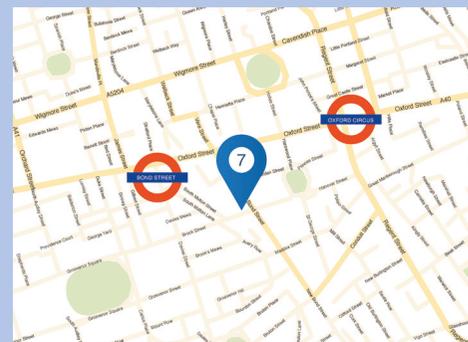
John Lennon 1940–80

The Beatles guitarist lived in a flat at 34 Montagu Square

for five months in 1968, while the Fab Four were recording The White Album.

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34 Montagu Square, Marylebone, London, W1H 2LJ



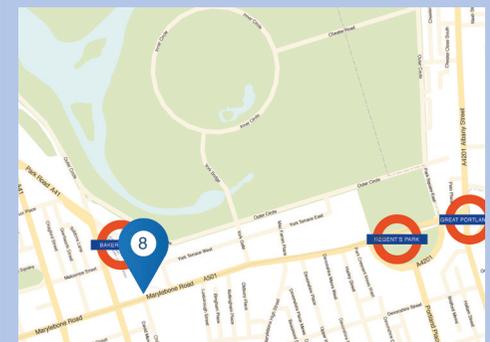
Jimi Hendrix 1942–70

By the time Hendrix moved into this flat in 1968, he was

a bona fide rock god, having arrived in London only two years earlier as a barely known guitarist.

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23 Brook Street, Mayfair, London, W1K 4HA



Eric Coates 1886–1957

Coates created some of the best-loved pieces of English

light orchestral music, including *By the Sleepy Lagoon* – still the theme to Desert Island Discs.

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Chiltern Court, Baker Street, London, NW1 5SG