

PLAN OF ACTION LONDON

Get ready to go ginger

Now completed, the new London orbital railway has opened up the city's outer reaches. Join us for a lap of the Ginger Line

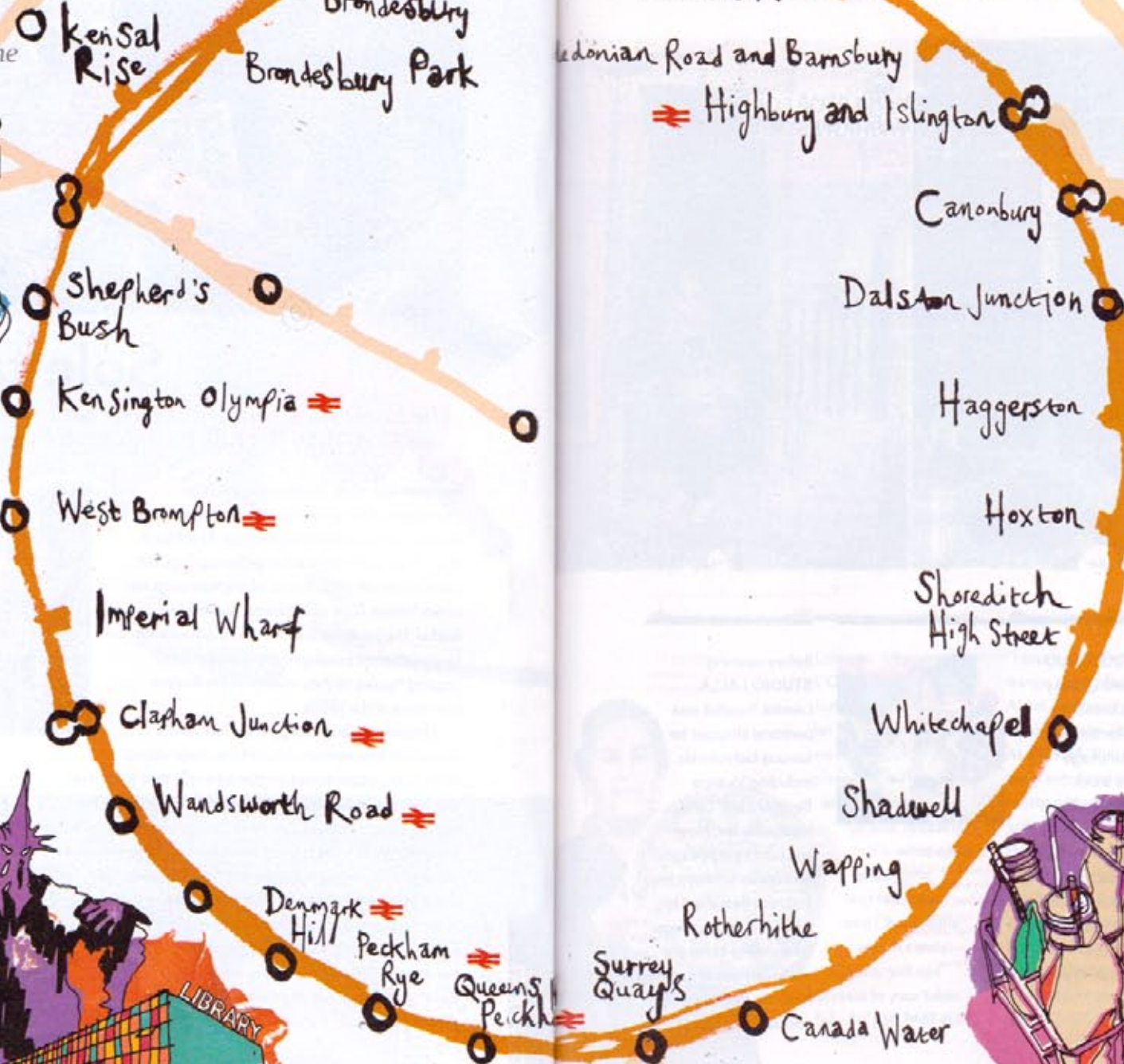
WEST FOR LOCAL LIFE

Unlike the Tube, which burrows through the tunnels like a disinterested rodent. Overground trains offer an airier perspective, linking the city's charming residential pockets. Join media types in Kensal Rise for artisanal coffees at **Minkies** (minkiesdeli.co.uk), jam-jar cocktails at **The Shop** (theshopnw10.com) and insanely good pizza at **Sacro Cuore** (sacrocuore.co.uk), or try Brondesbury, for live-music pub **The Good Ship** (thegoodship.co.uk) and the **Tricycle Theatre** (tricycle.co.uk).



SOUTH FOR CUTTING EDGE

The newest part of the orbital railway runs from Clapham Junction to Surrey Quays, making huge swathes of south London suddenly more accessible. You might never have seen an avant-garde theatre show at the highly regarded **Battersea Arts Centre** (Clapham Junction; bac.org.uk), been inspired by Will Alsop's Stirling Prize-winning **Peckham Library** (Peckham Rye; southwark.gov.uk) – a multicoloured gurgle of shapes – or attended the art shows, gigs and amazing parties held by **LuckyPDF** art collective (clartcafe.org), but you can – and should – now. Other highlights from 'sarf' of the river include **Prangstas** (prangsta.co.uk) costumiers on New Cross Road, for incredible vintage get-ups or **Brockley Market** (brockleymarket.com), every Saturday for foodie-tempting innovation.



NORTH FOR BOOZERS

With around eight trains an hour, The Gingerline provides speedy access to many of London's coolest areas. Speed to Camden Road, a gateway to the city's best pub life. Hot tips are **Our Black Heart** (ourblackheart.com) for an amazing beer list and live music most nights, and **The Colonel Fawcett** (thecolonelfawcett.co.uk), a foodie pub-come-gin palace for local scenesters. Options just up the line at Kentish Town West include **Shebeen** (kentishcanteen.com/shebeen), which gives an excellent impression of a Mayfair mixology bar on a budget, while Gospel Oak hosts tiny, cash-only pub **The Southampton Arms** (thesouthamptonarms.co.uk) and its loyal following of real-ale drinking fans.



EAST FOR PARTIES

The heart of hipsterville in the Big Smoke, the eastern reaches are where young Londoners go for a wild time. Setting the scene, this portion of the line even has its own soundtrack. Sonic artist **Ross Aitken's** East-London-line-inspired mix features tabla drums as you whizz through the Bengali enclave of Whitechapel (rossbaitken.blogspot.com). Get off at Dalston Junction for Vice's new club, **Birthdays** (birthdaysdalston.com), drink cocktails from milk bottles at **Ruby's** (rubysdalston.com) or East Berlin-esque dive bar **The Alibi** (thealibilondon.co.uk). If you prefer to travel at a slightly slower pace, try pop-up supperclub **The Ginger Line** (gingerline.co.uk), which holds all its secret dinner events near to an East London Line station. Just book, turn up at the station, then wait for further instructions.

