



Community Voice

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Southall Street Mela



SCA arranged a Southall Mini-Mela outside Southall Town Hall on Saturday 3rd June. The aim of the day was to use fun and thought provoking ways to celebrate our multi-cultural town.

On a superb and sunny day we started off with the UFO Steel Band providing some great steel band music, a sound we used to hear regularly in the past.

The Punjabi Theatre Academy, led by Tajinder Sindra, then delivered an outdoor performance of 'Go Back Home', a street drama about the racism as experienced by migrants.

Throughout the day we had great art and creative work stalls arranged by Mahenderpal Sorya. One of the most popular features was an activity allowing children to produce their own badges to wear.

This was followed by the Bhangra Dance London performing at the end of the day.

Many thanks to our great volunteers Harleen, Sandy, Neelam and Suki for helping with the activities.

Special thanks to Suresh, Pinder and Rohan from The Monitoring Group for planning the day. This event was part of the 'Stories of Southall' project funded by the GLA



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SCA Community Forum



Our community forum meeting on 30th March had a detailed focus on the Council's selective licensing scheme, as it applies to privately rented properties.

Joe Blanchard from Ealing Council delivered a presentation about their work and the efforts to get local landlords to register their properties. Many thanks to Joe and all who attended for making it such an informative Forum meeting.

The community forum take place on the last Thursday of each month and provides an opportunity to learn about local issues.

Farewell to Michael Bolley

Reverend Michael Bolley of Holy Trinity Church in Southall retired recently after 24 years of distinguished service.

Michael was a long-standing trustee at SCA, including being a treasurer and secretary for many years. In all that time Michael acted with great professionalism and integrity and stuck with SCA through good times and difficult times. A celebration and commemorative event took place on Sunday 4th June at the Church hall and was full of people with fond memories of Michael.

We wish Michael and Monica Bolley all the very best into the future.



School children playing NFL Flag



NFL Flag is the non-contact version of American football played by children and young people.

Our Touchdown Southall involves working with local school children to teach them the basics of this fun sport.

On Thursday 13th April we took a group of Southall children to the Trailfinders Sports Club in Ealing where they all participated in NFL Flag drills and exercises.

Many thanks to colleagues from the NFL Foundation for providing local children with this opportunity.

Connecting Communities - HADEA at Town Hall

The Horn of Africa Disability Elderly Association (HADEA) has been active in Ealing for many years and now provide a weekly drop in advice session at Southall Town Hall on Tuesdays.

The need for competent and accessible advice services is increasing particularly as the cost of living crisis grows.

This is all part of our Southall wide community connections project called 'Southall Connect'.

Yuusuf Guuled and Fathia Diriye from HADEA are pictured with one of their users.



Northolt Village Fun Fair



SCA worked with Northolt-based organisations to arrange a fun day at the Northolt Village Community Centre on Saturday 15th April.

After a slightly gloomy start the weather improved and we had lots of families and children who came to the community centre.

We had many fun activities for the children and it was interesting to hear from people who had come to the centre for the first time.

We had excellent support from The Tamil Association, Heston Lions Club and many other partners.

Vaisakhi at Southall Town Hall

SCA arranged a Vaisakhi Mini Mela at Southall Town Hall on Friday 14 April.

[We had planned to arrange some activities outside the building but unfortunately it began raining and so we moved everything inside the Town Hall.

We arranged a variety of arts and craft activities for families attending and it was enjoyed by many residents. We had face painting, mehndi and painting activities that attracted many people.

This activity was arranged as part of a project funded by the Peoples Health Trust,



Coronation Event

SCA arranged a Coronation Tea and Cake Party at the Town Hall on Friday 5th May.

Fortunately, the weather held out for most of the day and we had a nice event with face painting and mehndi outside the building and cake and tea inside.

Many thanks to Virendra Sharma MP who attended and cut the Coronation Cake and to Councillors Aysha Raza and Dee Martin, who also came and contributed to a colourful piece of artwork.

Although this was a unique occasion SCA hopes to arrange similar events in future.



Community clean up at Western Road



Another day, another community cleanup at our Urban Garden on Western Road in Southall.

We had another excellent and productive cleanup day in May with keen volunteers who did an amazing amount of work.

Some of the site has been covered with fly tipping rubbish over the decades and has been overgrown with trees and weeds. It is hard work removing this debris but ultimately we are transforming the place.

Thanks to all GoodGym colleagues and our excellent supporters Paul, Mani and Ashok.

Southall History Walk

SCA arranged a history walk in partnership with colleagues from The Monitoring Group.

We started the walk at the Dominion Centre and took our group of walkers to many venues and buildings in King Street, South Road and ended at the Town Hall.

Suresh Grover was our guide for much of the walk and shared something amazing details with our very interested walkers. Thanks to Pinder and Rohan for all their work in setting up the walk.

These history walks are part of a project to share the untold stories of our town.



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