

The Bishopsgate Institute

An evening of stories from the archives of The Cockney Sikh with Suresh Singh

230 Bishopsgate, London, EC2M 4QH

Wednesday 24 August 2024, 5.30pm – 8pm

Programme	Schedule
Arrive from 5.15pm	Arrival by Tube, Elizabeth Line, Train or Bus All visitors to be welcomed to the Archives Toilets, step free access, and refreshments at the Bishopsgate Institute
from 5.30pm	Display of the Archives at an evening of stories with Suresh Singh and Jagir Kaur
Book sales and signings	Memoirs of a Cocknet Sikh by Suresh Singh and Jagir Kaur will be available to purchase on the night, priced at £20
8pm	Event close

INFO POINT 1: The Event is being held at the Bishopsgate Institute with arrival from 5pm and the event commencing from 5.30pm. Please note the time and try to be on time for the start of the event.

INFO POINT 2: For those planning to use public transport, please check your route on TfL, and plan accordingly - https://tfl.gov.uk/status-updates/planned-works-calendar

INFO POINT 3: For Social Media and Marketing, the team amy take a few photos of the event. Most 'official' photos only feature the back of heads etc, but some group shots have full facial images. we only ask that for those who prefer not to be in photos, just let us know, and we will accommodate requests accordingly.

Request: Please do tag in 'A little History of the Sikhs' on the tour, if your tweet, post facebook or instragram pictures. We do the work we do to inspire our community to preserve our history and draw strength from it and share this with the wider London population.



A little History of the Sikhs is a community initiative that research Sikh History on the streets of London, with presentations to bring stories from Sikh and Punjab history alive through buildings, artefacts and events that are found across London.

The founder, Rav Singh conducted a personal research challenge to explore all the sites on the famous London Monopoly Board in 2010/11, and draw out stories glo-Sikh history associated with these 'familiar' locations. Research for this Anglo-

from Sikh and Anglo-Sikh history associated with these 'familiar' locations. Research for this Anglo-Sikh History version of the Monopoly board was developed through a series of site visits across London. The visits helped to draw out a wealth of information. Learning about paintings of Sikhs in the Royal Collection, researching stories through memorials in churches and cathedrals and readings citations referring to Sikhs and the Punjab on the plinths of statues in Central London, investigating links with buildings, notable historical figures and the delving into the archives of the numerous museum collections made for an enriching and rewarding research experience.

The research continues, covers other locations and is now titled 'Sikh History on the Streets of London', and supplemented by guided walking tours since 2014. The initiative has now grown to encompass research across western Europe, and tours are now conducted in Thetford, Brighton Oxford, Edinburgh, Ypres, Paris, Madrid and St Tropez.

The Bishopsgate Institute in London is home to archives of the Cockney Sikh, Suresh Singh. At this event, at the Archives on Wednesday 28 March 2024, A little History of the Sikhs is working to promote a night of fascinating story telling by Suresh himself.