



Bengal History Week

6-13 OCTOBER 2013



Brick Lane Circle is organising its fourth annual history week programme, designed to help generate and expand interest in learning Bengal's history and introduce historians and scholars to new audiences in non-academic settings

Sunday 6 October 2012, 3-5pm

East India Company Dockside Walk (Strictly advance booking)

By Dr Georgie Wemyss. She is the author of *The Invisible Empire: White Discourse, Tolerance and Belonging* (Farnham: Ashgate, 2009)



Monday, 7 October, 7.00-9.00pm

Lab 1A, Idea Store Whitechapel, 321 Whitechapel Rd, London E1 1BU **Rabindranath and Jibanananda Re-born**

By Joe Winter. He is a poet and school teacher. He taught in London comprehensive schools until the age of 50 when he went to live in Calcutta (Kolkata). There he taught part-time (Calcutta International School), wrote newspaper articles ('The Statesman' of Calcutta), and translated poems and some prose of Rabindranath Tagore, and poems of Jibanananda Das.



Tuesday 8 October, 7-9pm

Jagonari Centre, 183-185 Whitechapel Rd, London E1 1DN **Migration from the Bengal delta to Britain - recovering the less known as well as recording the well known**

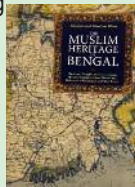
By John Eade. He is Professor of Sociology and Anthropology (University of Roehampton) and Visiting Professor (University College London). He completed a doctoral thesis on Bangladeshi community representation in Tower Hamlets in 1986. Since then he has been researching identity politics, the Islamisation of space and global migration in London. He has published and edited/coedited many scholarly papers and books.



Wednesday 9 October, 7-9pm

Jagonari Centre, 183-185 Whitechapel Rd, London E1 1DN **Rahimunnesa (1763-1800) and Dilwar Husayn Ahmad (1840-1913): two Great Bengali Scholars**

By Muhammad Mojlum Khan. He is an award-winning writer, literary critic and research scholar, and author of the bestselling *The Muslim 100* (2008) and *The Muslim Heritage of Bengal* (2013). He has published many articles his writings have been translated into many languages including Bengali, Indonesian and German. He is a Fellow of Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Founding Director of Bengal Muslim Research Institute UK.



Thursday 10 October, 7-9pm

Kobi Nazrul Centre, 30 Hanbury Street, London E1 6QR **Introducing the Heritage Lottery Fund**

By Norma Pearson. She is a Development Officer at the Heritage Lottery Fund. She will make a presentation on the Heritage Lottery Fund, followed by a Q&A session. There will be an opportunity to have a one to one with her if you have a project idea that you wish to discuss. All welcome but spaces for one to one is very limited and strictly by advance booking (first come first serve).



Heritage Lottery Fund can help communities and groups discover and share their past, and make life more rooted and interesting.

Saturday 12 October 2013, 2.00-7.30pm

Brady Arts Centre, Hanbury Street, London E1 5HU

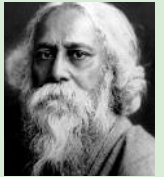
2.15pm onwards: **Desh bidesh revisited**

An exploration of the British Bangladeshi social field

By Benjamin Zeitlyn. He is a lecturer in International Education and Development (University of Sussex). He convenes the Masters in International Education and Development.

3.30pm: **The Centenary of Tagore's Nobel Prize and his Relevance to Today**

By Xiaoyu Zhang (Bristi). She gained her master degree at South Asian Area Studies (School of Oriental and African Studies SOAS in London), and her bachelor degree in Bengali Language and Culture from Communication University of China and Dhaka University.



5.00pm: **A fully staged reading performance of**

Translated by William Radice.
Directed by Valerie Doulton
Artistic Director of The Live Theatre Company.
www.theliveliteraturecompany.co.uk



Sunday 13 October 2013, 2.00-9.00pm

The Rich Mix Centre, 35-47 Bethnal Green Rd, E1 6LA

2.30pm onwards: **Showcase of recreated British costumes made from muslin fabrics in the 18/19th centuries**

3.00-6.00pm: **Conference on historical Bengal textiles trade and fashion**

Speakers details TBC

6.15pm: **Short performance on "Fabrics of slavery"**

By Rez Kabir, Mustak Chowdhury and others



7.00pm: Stand-up comedy

Naveed Mahbub Standup Comedy Show

A seriously fun man from Bangladesh who wants to make the world laugh. Engineer turned CEO turned comedian (by choice) & host of The Naveed Mahbub Show in Bangladesh



with guests, including Patrick Monahan and Geoff Schuman

Comedy in partnership with Mixt Nutz



www.bricklanecircle.org. To book a place please email bricklanecircle@yahoo.co.uk

A contribution to the October 2013 Black History Month, in partnership with others

