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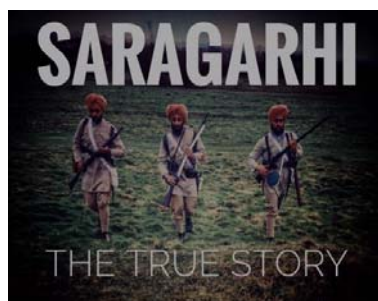
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### ANAND KARAJ COURSE

(Main Picture) Over 30 people took part in SGSSS's first ever Anand Karaj course, learning the true essence of marriage in Sikhi. The course was delivered by Giani Sukhjeevan Singh of Sikh 2 Inspire. The attendees greatly appreciated gaining an in depth understanding of what happens at a Sikh Wedding, and the commitment the couple is making. Feedback from one of the participants nicely summarised the course; "The course explained the meanings of all parts of the Anand Karaj supported by Gurbani, making clear the differences between Punjabi culture rituals and Gurmata. SGSSS will look to hold the course again in April/May 2018.



### SARAGHARI FILM



The screening of the "Saragarhi" documentary took place at Havelock Road Gurdwara. The 60-minute documentary showcased the epic battle between 21 Sikh Soldiers who were stationed at an army post and were attacked by around 10,000 Afghans. The Sikhs, led by Havildar Ishar Singh, chose to fight to the death, in what is considered by some military historians as one of history's greatest last-stands. What we should always remember is during the Sikh Empire, Maharaj Ranjit Singh built the 21 forts the 21 Sikh soldiers were defending for the British.

### 1984 WHEN THE SUN DIDN'T RISE

Teena Kaur Pasricha's '1984, When The Sun Didn't Rise' revisits the aftermath of the Delhi Anti Sikh Genocide that followed the death of Indira Gandhi. The emotional film was shown at Havelock Road Gurdwara, it meets women who lost their husbands in 1984, and are attempting to come to terms with their loss in different ways. Sadly many of the young boys who survived at the time have now succumbed to drug addiction

The Sangat watching were truly grateful for the work that had gone into making the film. Whilst the survivors of the genocide lives are a daily struggle, the perpetrators remain free.



## MODERN DANGERS IN SOCIETY

Sevadars of Sikh Youth UK delivered an eye opening talk on the dangers of grooming facing our youth. The rise of social media inflicting our children puts them at every increasing risk from predators. The sevadars recounted real cases of children being led astray, families destroyed, physical and mental torture they are put through. Grooming is on the rise, parents should remain vigilant and aware of what their children are doing, especially on social media.



## CHAMKAUR DI GHARI TALK

Harjinder Singh from Akaal Publishers gave a remarkable talk on the battle Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji had with the Mughal forces.

The fictionalised account delivered a first-person account of the battle from the perspective of a moghul soldier who faced the wrath of the Khalsa army. The unique perspective show cased the strength, discipline, loyalty and courage of the Sikhs. Guru Sahib recounts the victory in their Bani Zafarnama.



## ZAFARNAMA BOOK LAUNCH

Giani Gulshan Singh released his new postik (book) on Zafarnama from Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji's Bani. Zafarnama is the victory letter Guru Sahib sent to Aurangzeb. Katha of Zafarnama is available on SGSSS's facebook page.



## SUBSTANCE ABUSE

In conjunction with the sevadars of The First Steps foundation, the support sessions for families of addicts continues to grow, with more and more families attending to get support. The first counselling session for addicts themselves was held on the 28th at Norwood Hall. With Guru Sahibs Kirpa more lives can be saved from the plague of drugs and alcohol.



## AKHAND PAATH FOR NEW SITE

Following the successful completion of the Greylands land (adjacent to Park Avenue Gurdwara), the Sangat and Parbandak committee held an Akhand Path on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> February 2018 to thank Guru Sahib for blessing the Sabha with the land.

## POTHI SEVA

The sevadars of Pothi Seva who do a remarkable job of repairing and preserving Saroops of Guru Granth Sahib Ji, Gutke, pothiya, and other historical texts were successfully awarded a research grant from the Institute of Conservation to fund a planned survey of paper types in Gurmukhi manuscripts. To get involved in Pothi Seva held every weekend at Havelock Road visit [www.pothiseva.net](http://www.pothiseva.net).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Akand Path for those suffering from Drink/ Drugs addiction 16<sup>th</sup> March
- Every Wednesday at Norwood Hall: Support groups for drink/drugs addiction
- Nagar Kirtan 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018
- Amrit Sanchar 14<sup>th</sup> April 2018
- AGM in Late March
- Consultation of Park Ave Development Late March

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