

Coming to Coventry

Stories from the South Asian Pioneers

1. Coming to Coventry was the name of an exhibition which took place where?

The Herbert (Art Gallery & Museum)

2. Complete the phrase: 'Stories from the **South Asian** Pioneers'
3. List the 5 main categories on the website. The first one has been done for you:

a. Sport

b. Work

c. Bollywood

d. Weddings

e. Impressions

4. Take a look at the section on Impressions. What kind of stories will you find on this website and who are they by?

Personal stories by people who migrated from South Asia

5. What type of weather is mentioned by all of the people in this section and how did it make them feel?

Snow. It felt strange as they had never seen it before, and some wanted to go back home because it was so cold!

6. Take a look at the section on Work. When did Deep Singh come to Coventry?

Deep Singh came to Coventry in 1958

7. How many days a week did he work?

7 days

8. A foundry is a factory where metal is melted and shaped in moulds (a bit like jelly!). Name 4 foundries which men who came to Coventry in the 1950s and 1960s might have worked in.

a) Sterling Metals

b) Dunlop

c) Dunn

d) Alfred Herbert

9. Take a look at the section on Sport. Where was the sport kabaddi popular?

Rural Punjab

10. What was Sohan Singh Cheema's favourite sport?

Volleyball

11. What football team did he support?

Coventry City/Sky Blues

12. The ticket queue at Highfield Road for the Wembley match was very long. What did he do to make sure he got one?

Asked his son to bring him a quilt and pillow, then slept outside

13. What was the first religious building to be built in Coventry by South Asians?

The Guru Nanak Prakash gurdwara on Harnall Lane

14. Where did Deep Singh get married?

In a pub

15. Why was this?

The first gurdwara wasn't built until 1965

16. Where does Gurmid Kaur Khatkar say all the wedding preparations took place?

In the house

17. Name the two main cinemas which showed Bollywood films and say where they were.

The Ritz in Foleshill and the Palladium in Hillfields

18. Where else were these films shown in 1955/6?

The gurdwara on Foleshill Road