

# Eid Ul Azha 2006

South west Eid Gathering  
21st January 2006

Riviera International Conference Centre Torquay



## Muslim Families in South West united to Celebrate Eid

Over 120 guests from more than 35 families of Muslim doctors their friends and relatives in South West England were united to celebrate the occasion of Eid Ul Azha on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2006 in

Riviera Conference Centre Torquay. Riviera Centre is a purpose built venue for conferences, family gatherings and celebrations and it's location near the Torquay sea harbour with overlooking views towards the bay makes it ideal for events like Eid. The event was organized by Mrs Zainab Mubashar (*Home Economist*) and her husband Dr Yahya Mubashar (*a Paediatrician* at Torbay hospital). It was happily attended by guests not only from

Torquay, Paington or Brixham but also from Bristol, Bridgewater, Taunton, Exeter, Plymouth and Truro. This was truly an international representation of Muslims in the event with attending families belonging from Iraq, Syria, Palestine, Egypt, Libya, Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Kenya, Malaysia, India, Pakistan & Local British Muslim community. The hall was decorated according to the spirit of Eid particularly the stage with two banners, one stating "*Eid Mubarik*" and another stating a Quranic verse from Sura Al-Hujraat in English "*O Mankind, We created you from a single (pair) of male and female and made you into nations and tribes, that ye may know each other (not that ye may despise (each other))*" which were uplifting the mood for the day. Arabic and Urdu music was in the background supporting the festive feelings. Stage was set up in front of children's play area. Ladies and gents seating were separate on either side of children's

thoughtfully arranged in order to provide easy access towards the sale products, exhibition and buffet tables as well as to enjoy the magnificent sea views.

The event was also attended by Mr Yusuf Al Nassar from Torbay Islamic Centre and Dr Sir Peter Muhammad Davis-Ali who has embraced Islam last year and is now the assistant administrator of the mosque and incharge of the Library of Torbay Islamic Centre.

### Islamic Heritage Exhibition

"Muslim's Contribution in History" was the title of the 12 set of posters that were on display in the exhibition. They were arranged by the generous donation from Mrs Zainab Mubashar who is a member of *Islamic Society of Britain*. They introduced the lives and works of famous Islamic scholars and scientists to the Muslim youth and were beautifully designed with their potraits and graphics to stimulate inspiration. Besides, there were various Islamic movies, videos and books exhibited on the table each supplemented with a written display explaining their importance and reference to modern day Islamic philosophy.



## South West Muslim Doctor's Web Site

We are pleased to announce the launch of a web site for the South West Muslim Doctor's community in order to bring together Muslims from various backgrounds in the South West of England. For more photos of the Eid event, discussion forum, opinion poll and other information, please visit...

[www.southwest-muslimdoctors.org](http://www.southwest-muslimdoctors.org)



## Magic and Comedy

After lunch, Mr Michael Shoot (Paington) attracted children with his magic and comedy show. There was interactive participation of children throughout. His magic spell sparkled over all ages and the parents were equally involved with it. All Children also enjoyed bouncy castle with a cow boy theme.

## Apologies

We apologise from our guests that Tombo clown and his team could not perform at the event due to their car accident on their way down from Birmingham. Hence due to these unavoidable circumstances, the gift packs for the children were missed out too on the event. We are very sorry for any disappointments





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## Young Talent on stage



In order to involve our youngsters in healthy activities, the management encouraged the teenagers to be the presenters of the shows. **Miss Shahad Hussain (13 yrs)** was the elegant and star host for Michael Shute's ballon trick games before lunch while **Mr Ahmed El Hudairi (14 yrs)**, **Mr Nofil Shimali (14 yrs)** and **Miss Ala El Hudiri (12 yrs)** confidently carried out the proceedings after lunch for the magic show and rest of the big screen presentation. It was a great opportunity for these youngsters to develop public speaking and self-confidence on the stage and they all proved that they can live up to the expectations.

## Future Dates to Remember

### Eid ul Azha 2007 Gathering

**6th January 2007**

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## Trailers on big screen Islamic Products for Sale

A 30 minutes show was specially arranged during lunch time on the big screen that included trailers of famous Islamic movies such as **The Message, Jinnah and documentaries of Harun Yahya.** This compilation was the result of personal interest of Dr Yahya Mubashar and his wife Mrs Zainab Mubashar. The production work was done by Dr Mubashar himself with help from **Mr Mike Last of Crafty Productions**



**Limited.** In order to comply with the legal issues of copy rights, Dr Mubashar had to get written permission to show the specific parts of the movies & music in public from their copy right holders e.g. Anchor Bay Entertainments UK in case of The Message and also from Christopher Lee the lead actor in the film Jinnah, who also holds the copy rights for that movie. A seemingly impossible task finally resulted in a big screen presentation after long, tiring and commendable efforts of the production team. Now the plans are already under way to produce a different collection of songs and trailers for the next Eid Inshallah.

## Gifts for Guests

Each family received a gift folder which included in addition to small soveniers, a previous issue of "Emel" magazine which is published in London by young British born converted Muslims. It was again a kind donation from Mrs Mubashar. This was combined with the Leaflet "**Muslim's History in Britain**" donated by Islamic Society of Britain.

## Acknowledgements

We express our thanks to the management and staff of Riviera International Centre and to all our respected guests and performers for making this event a reality. Our special thanks go to the families of Dr Duraid Haussain, Dr Yousef El Hudiri, Dr Fareed Memon, Dr Hussain Hilmi and also to Mrs Melath Abdul Sattar, Dr Shabab Javed, Dr Hassam Abdul Kadir, Mr Nofil Shimali and Master Tayyib Mubashar for providing inspiration and support for this event.

**Harf International Limited** very kindly joined in from Luton on this occasion and they sold Islamic computer soft-wares, books, and various other Islamic products. They were specially invited on people's request from last year when they had a very good sale. The same was mirrored this year. In addition to this their participation particularly addressed the issue of lack of availability of Islamic products in this part of the country.



## "We can make it better"

The Music video of this song was also played on big screen by courtesy of **Don-Asian Music group** who produced it to raise donations for **Pakistan Earthquake and Asian Tsunami from its sale.** It is now available from HMV stores nationwide. All artists have worked free of cost and all proceeds will go to Islamic Relief UK.

## Halal Food Catering



Riviera International Centre won five stars from the Muslim community for catering for their **halal** food requirements. The Buffet was prepared by halal products including meat (lamb and chicken). The **head chef Mr Horace Ham** was very considerate to use the recipe for Seekh Kebabs provided by **Mrs Hussain** who is wife of Dr Duraid Hussain in Torquay. Roasted chicken, Samosas & Nans were prepared according to Asian and Middle Eastern taste and standards and were liked by all along with other savory items. The recipe for salad came from **Dr Duraid Hussain** who was particularly thankful to the head chef. Overall the excellent food remained one of the hall mark of the event.