



ZAINABIYA ISLAMIC CENTRE

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KSI Muslim Community of Milton Keynes

Introduction



The Zainabiya Islamic Centre in Milton Keynes has been a vital institution for the local Shia community since the 1980s, providing a space for religious worship, education, and communal activities, while also promoting social welfare and cultural preservation. It serves as a spiritual home for Shia Muslims in the region and continues to play a significant role in their religious and community life.

The centre provides Friday prayers, Madrasah (Sunday School) and hosts exclusive events in observance of Muharram, Ramadan and Eid open to all, both brothers and sisters as well as other faith communities.

The Zainabiya Islamic centre of Milton Keynes traces its “first settler” in this city to have arrived in 1964 from Pakistan. However, it was not until 1972 that the first, amongst a group of families – victims of political unrest in Uganda – began to arrive into Milton Keynes. Thus the “in coming” pattern of a gradual settlement into the city by our members were set to pace.





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Gatherings at Zainabiya mosque, where the local community come together to celebrate and commemorate various occasions.

Community Gatherings



Zainabiya Islamic Centre 25 years Celebration event



2017 - Sunday Fajr Programme: Members of Zainabiya Islamic Centre having breakfast after Fajr prayers



Volunteers and the resident Scholar of Zainabiya Islamic Centre after the Peace and Humanity Procession held at Zainabiya 2013. From Left to right: Mohamed Somji, Arif Master, Hasnain Somji, Mussadique Ladak, Syed Mohamed Naqvi, Shabir Sabur, Haji Hasan, Asif Haideri, Mujahid Rajani



Opening Ceremony of Zainabiya Islamic Centre in 1988



Zainabiya Madrasah staff and students visit Drayton Manor Park in 1987



Sunday Fajr Programme Morning prayer breakfast



Zainabiya Islamic Centre 25 years Celebration event. From Left to right: Yawer Ravjani, Saajid Dhanji, Marhum Qasamali bhai Ravjani and Shabir Sabur



25 years of the Centre celebration



25 years of the Centre celebration cake



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Community Gatherings Continued...



Presentation to Mahmood Dattoo by Shabbir Sabur (President) 25th Anniversary celebration of Zainabiya Islamic Centre



Presentation by Naushad Dhanji on the 25th Anniversary celebration of Zainabiya Islamic Centre



Mahmood Dattoo 25th Anniversary celebration of Zainabiya Islamic Centre



Ma'alim Hussain Bandali 25th Anniversary celebration of Zainabiya Islamic Centre



Interfaith Program at the Annual Peace and Humanity Procession 2015



Sheikh Rida Jichi at the 30th Annual Peace and Humanity Procession in Amphitheatre Campbell Park 2024



The 30th Annual Peace and Humanity Procession in Amphitheatre Campbell Park 2024



The Interfaith program at the 30th Annual Peace and Humanity Procession in Amphitheatre Campbell Park 2024



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The Annual Peace and Humanity Procession (Juloos)

It is an annual event organised by Voice of AL Hussain in Milton Keynes which strives for a peaceful and successful procession to foster relations, unity and understanding between faiths and no faiths under the banner of love for Imam Hussain (the grandson of the Holy Prophet, Peace be Upon him). The heroic stand has impacted a wide variety of people. The ethical and moral principles that he stood for social justice have given hope, direction, and instilled love into the hearts of many.

Leaders of liberation movements like Nelson Mandela, Dr Martin Luther King and Mahatma Gandhi have cited Hussain's story as a source of inspiration and motivation.

The message of Hussain is a universal one and aligns not only with Islamic but Humanitarian values.

Peace & Humanity Procession



Volunteers for the Peace & Humanity Procession (Juloos) Team January 2013. From Left to Right: Arif Master, Hasnain Somji, Mohamed Somji, Mussadique Ladak, Syed Mohamed Naqvi, Shabir Sabur, Haji Hasan, Asif Haideri, Mujahid Rajani



Peace & Humanity Procession, December 2013



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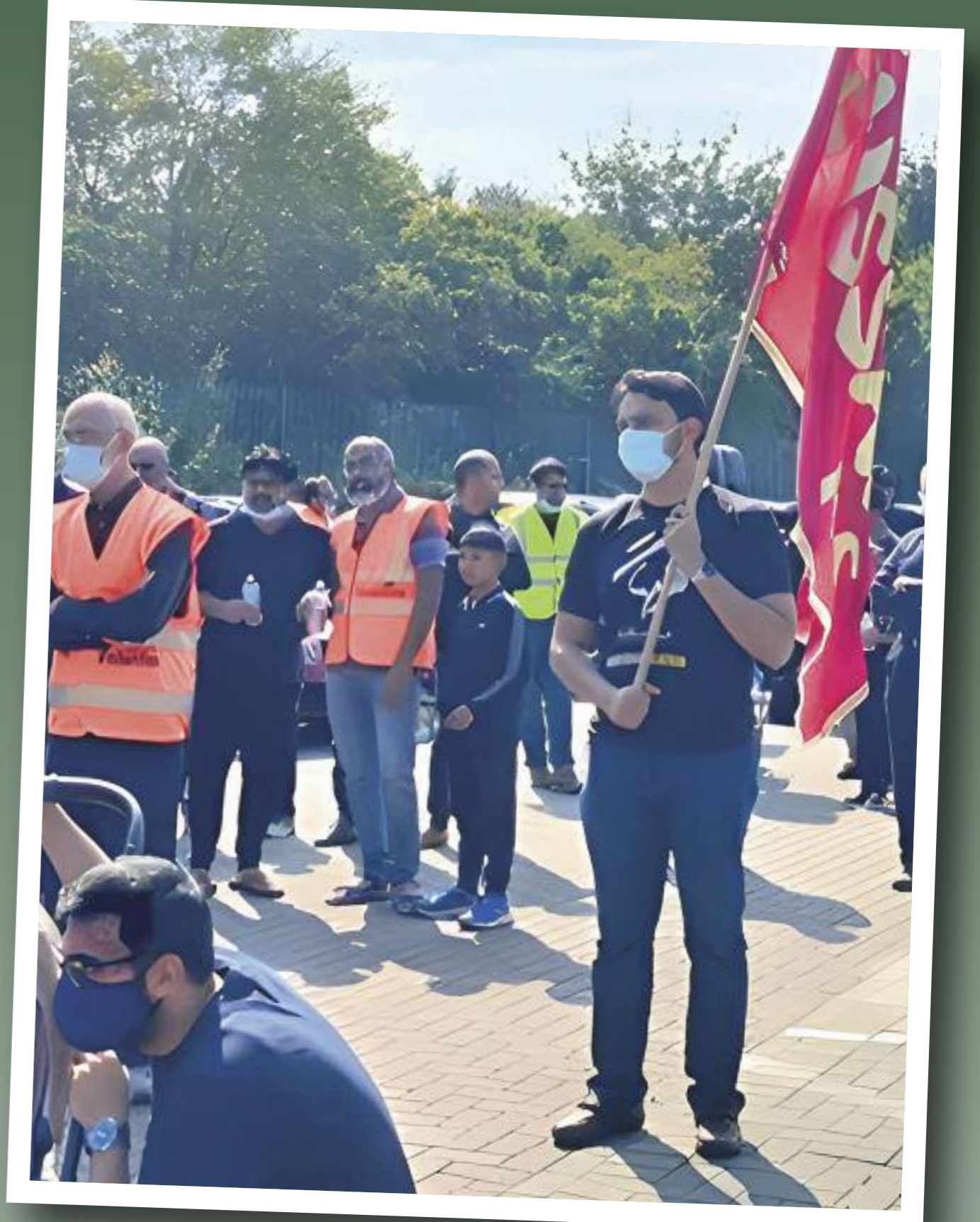
Volunteers 2019 Peace & Humanity Procession at CMK



Dr Shabbir Tejani, Dr Shehzad Syed and Sheikh Jaffer Ladak 2019 Peace & Humanity Procession at CMK



Thames Valley officers with children at 2021 Peace & Humanity Procession



2021 Peace & Humanity Procession



2019 Peace & Humanity Procession at CMK



Sheikh Nuru Mohamed with children at 2021 Peace & Humanity Procession



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The word Madrasah comes from the Arabic word which means a place of study. The ethos of Zainabiya Madrasah is to work in partnership with parents and the community, and to provide an Islamic education in accordance to the Twelver Shia Madhab and Ja'fari Fiqh that promotes the advancement of mental, spiritual, moral, social and emotional development through a comprehensive and structured curriculum.

Islamically proficient and effective teaching staff, an environment and culture that is conducive to learning, resulting in a respectable, resolute, caring, accountable, and practicing Muslim who is fully aware of his responsibilities towards the Creator and His creation.

'Madrasah' – Educational Institution



Salat at Drayton Manor Park - Madrasah trip



Eid celebration at Zainabiya Madrasah



Annual Madrasah Exams at Tinkers Bridge Hall 1987



Annual Madrasah Exams at Tinkers Bridge Hall 1987



Annual Madrasah staff and children, 1990. From Left to right: 4th row, Shamma bai Dhanji, Latifa bai Walji, Sukaina bai Master, Arif Master (Principal) Zainab bai Meghji, Sakina bai Rashid Fatma bai Dhanji, Tahera bai Gulamali.



"Eid Function" at Tinkers Bridge Hall in 1989 before Zainabiya Islamic Centre was built



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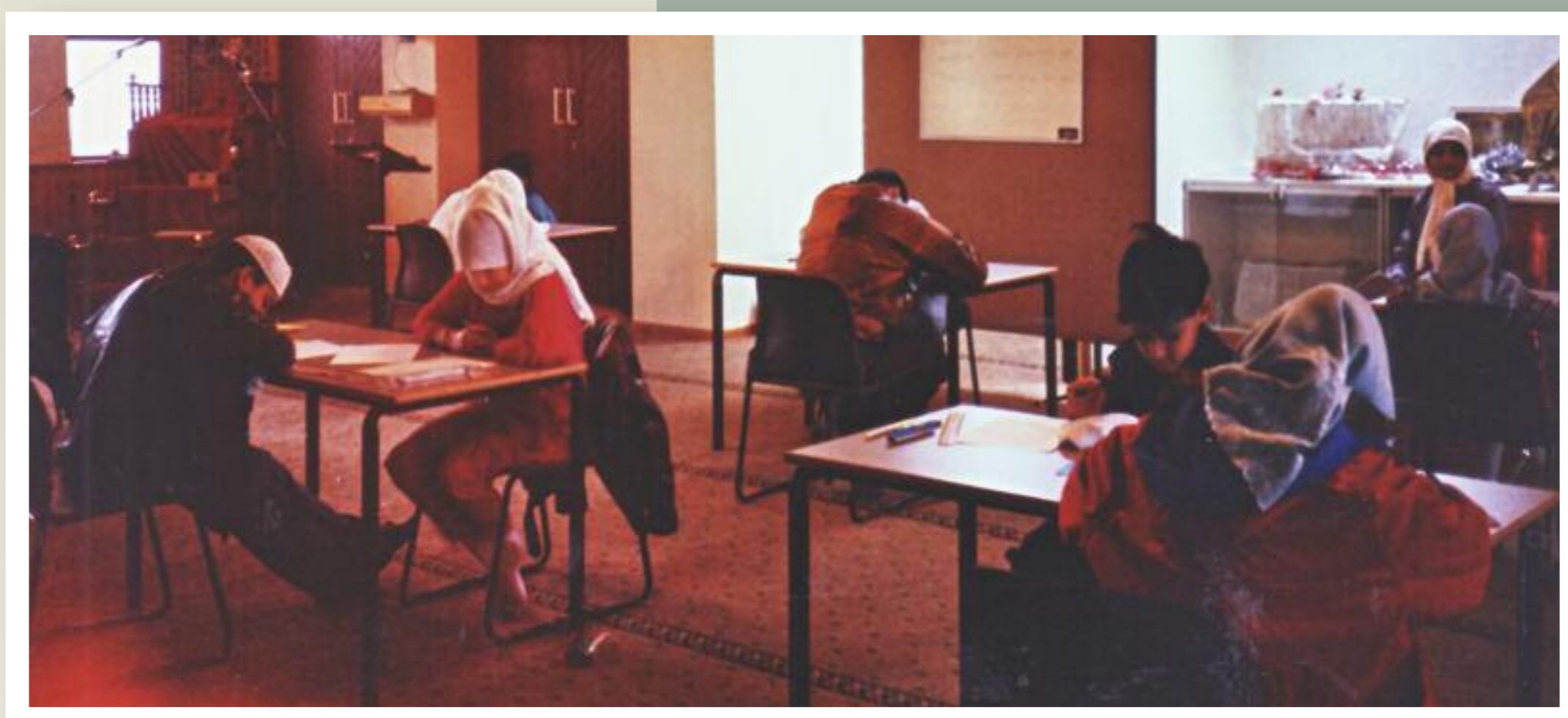
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'Madrasah' – Educational Institution Continued...



Group photo Madrasah staff and children 1992. From Left to right: Riaz Dhanji, Arif Master (Principal), Sarfaraz Manji, Tasneem Manji, Fauziya Versi, Salma Jaffer, Sabira Dhanji



Annual Madrasah Exams taking place in Zainabiya Islamic centre



Awards giving ceremony following Annual Madrasah exams 1986 at Tinkers bridge -Mulla Mohsin Jaffer awarding prizes



Group Madrasah Annual Trip Photo 1989



Annual Madrasah trip to Shia Ithnasheri Madrasah in Stanmore 1989



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‘Madrasah’ – Educational Institution Continued...



Zainabiya Madrasah “Eid function” 1986 at Tinkers bridge- Mahmood Datoo- President giving a speech



Zainabiya Madrasah play by students “Eid function” 1986 at Tinkers bridge



Prizes awarded following exams in Tinkers Bridge “Eid Function” 1989. Sunderji Bhai Dhanji to Zaheed Alibhai



Zainabiya Madrasah “Eid function” 1986 at Tinkers bridge



Zainabiya Madrasah Teacher Training Session



Zainabiya Madrasah trip to Drayton Manor Park 1986



Imame Zamana Day Zainabiya Madrasah students’ celebration



Zainabiya Islamic Centre opening, August 1988



Zainabiya Madrasah Children’s Annual “Eid Performance” 1989



Zainabiya Madrasah Salaat Examinations by External examiner at Zainabiya Islamic centre 1989



1987 Madrasah Staff and children. From Left to right, sitting: Shamma bai Dhanji, Zainab bai Dhanji, Latifa bai Dhanji, Sakina bai Rashid, Arif Master (Principal), Mahmood Datoo



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Fajr is the name of the first of the five daily prayers in Islam, performed just before dawn. The word 'Fajr' in Arabic literally means 'dawn' or 'daybreak.' This prayer holds special significance as it marks the beginning of a new day and is one of the key moments of reflection and worship in a Muslim's daily routine.

Salah (prayer) is one of the Five Pillars of Islam and holds great significance in the life of a practicing Muslim. It is a form of worship and connecting with Allah (God). There are many traditions that mention the importance and benefits of salah for us as Muslims.

The community have been holding Fajr prayer gatherings every Sunday at the centre followed by breakfast.

'Fajr' – Dawn Prayer



Az Zahra Award in 2017 to Ma'alim Hussain Bandali by Sunday Fajr group



Sunday Fajr Group celebrating Qasmali bhai Ravjani's birthday 2019



Az- Zahra Award in 2020 to Hassan bhai Syed by Sunday Fajr Group



Sunday Fajr Group- dedication of one of the elders Qasamali Bhai Ravjani



Sunday Fajr Group on a snowy winter Sunday



Breakfast after Sunday Fajr Prayers 2020