



Freedom Walks 2022

75 years



A Brookwood Cemetery Society Series of Events

75 years ago the Indian Subcontinent got its independence from the British empire.

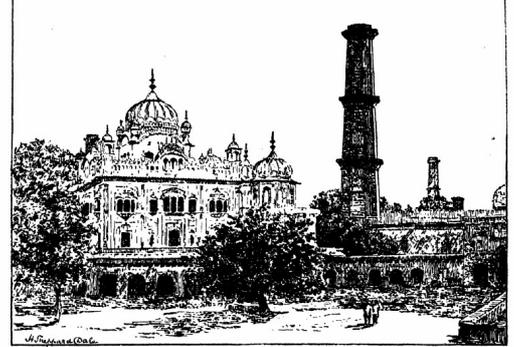
On the 14th August 1947 Pakistan was founded, consisting of East and West Pakistan. One day later, a smaller India obtained its freedom.

In 1971 Bangladesh was founded, from the former East Pakistan, after a civil war.

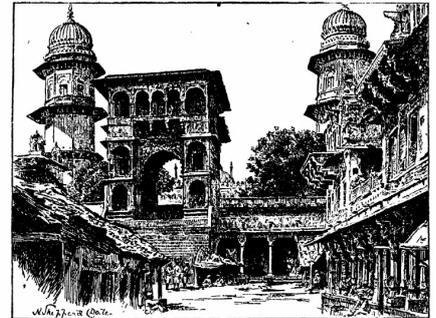
We are doing a series of walks and a talk to reflect life in British India and its legacies.

And the events and politics that led to independence in 1947 through the perspective of people buried at Brookwood Cemetery. Some played important roles in these events.

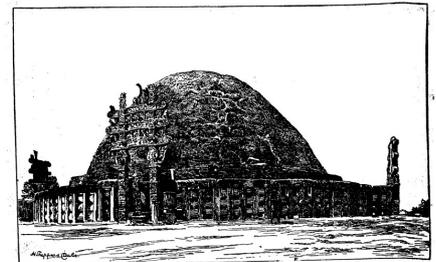
Along with my memories of four months travelling in India and Nepal in 2004



RANJIT SINGH'S SAMADH, LAHORE.



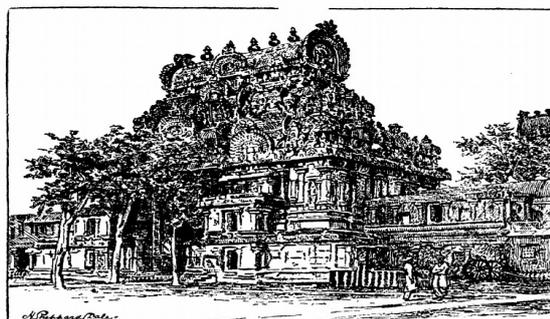
A STREET CORNER IN BHOPAL.



THE GREAT STUPA AT ASHOKA.

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THE MAIN GATEWAY, TANJORE TEMPLE.

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Update from Barry

I am often asked what got me interested in this subject. The answer is "*The Jewel in the Crown*" TV series from 1984. What fascinated me was how could a small country like Britain control such vast subcontinent. The interest increased when I visited India a few in the 1990's. And decided in 2004 to go on a *Dragoman* overland trip for 4 months. A wonderful experience !! A vast country with very different cultures and foods.

I start this year's Celebrations with a walk in March visiting the graves of a people linked to the subcontinent in very different ways and indeed some chose Britain as their home. The docks of London and Liverpool had a surprising number of merchant seamen from the subcontinent who decided to settle and marry local women.

The April walk was done last year to celebrate the founding of Bangladesh, but did not get much publicity. This year it is just as relevant. Both Muslims and Europeans are in Brookwood who helped the cause for more freedoms that eventually led to Independence.

August walk is the anniversary and I intend to put up a small exhibition.

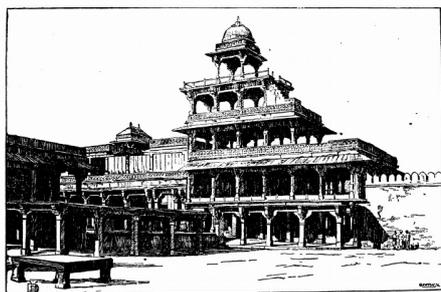
Depending on demand I am sure the walks can be repeated and there will be a publication with all four walks available after the last one.

Please feel free to contact at barry@tbcs.org.uk for more information.

Barry

The Events

Sunday 6th March and Sunday 1st May



People from the Indian Sub Continent - North Cemetery

As an introduction to this year series of Events, this walk will feature people native to the Indian Subcontinent and British who lived, travelled and worked in pre 1947 India whose final resting place is Brookwood.

Sunday 3rd April and Sunday 5th June



Towards Freedom - North Cemetery

People buried at Brookwood who helped the Indian Sub Continent obtain its freedom, Along with some people who hindered the cause. We will explore the whole of the North Cemetery

Sunday 3rd July and Sunday 4th September



They served the Empire - South Cemetery

Route 1 – Some served the Empire better than others !

Engineers, civil servant and military men who ran the Empire, both under the East India Company and later, the British Raj, and some who questioned the status quo.

Sunday 7th August and Sunday 2nd October



They served the Empire – South Cemetery

Route 2 - At home and abroad

People who ran and build the Empire both under the East India Company and later, the British Raj. Also featuring authors of the day, The Rising of 1857 and its causes, and People who served, later questioning the conduct of some the military leaders.

Sunday 6th November



Indian Sepoys and the WW1 hospitals on the south coast

A talk in the Brookwood's former Catholic Chapel for a Chilly November

The story of South Coast Indian Hospitals that were established from 1914 and how Brookwood became the burial place for the Muslim casualties sent back from the front line in France.