



Crowds throng the exhibition !!

Past Lives: The Exhibition, presented by the **Oral Histories of British-Goans Project (Goan Association UK)**, funded by the **Heritage Lottery Fund, UK**, was mounted for a one-day showing at the Cranford College Hall, during the Goan Festival on July 28, 2013. Crowds thronged the exhibition on this beautiful Sunday afternoon. Many of those who paid a visit had already seen it at its previous venue, the Nehru Centre but wanted to see it again. This was a touching tribute to the exhibition and the love Goans have for their heritage. The preservation of our heritage in oral, visual and written form is imperative. The time for a permanent Goan Diaspora Museum is nigh.





As we dismantled the exhibition for the last time, I felt a certain pang in my heart. The people who had come to see it, had marvellous stories to tell of their own past lives in East Africa. For one brief moment, they were reliving those lives. Kenyan-Goan nationalist Fitz de Souza (shown below, right hand corner) gave us an impromptu glimpse into his own life. Included in the exhibition was a Fitz de Souza family picture dating back to 1898. My sincere thanks to all the families who donated pictures to the project.

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