



Chorlton History Group: Yuri Gagarin's visit to Manchester, July 1961

A talk by Gurbir Singh at Chorlton Good Neighbours,

1.30pm Thurs June 7th 2012

at St Ninian's Church, Egerton Road South, Chorlton

£2 charge for tea & biscuits

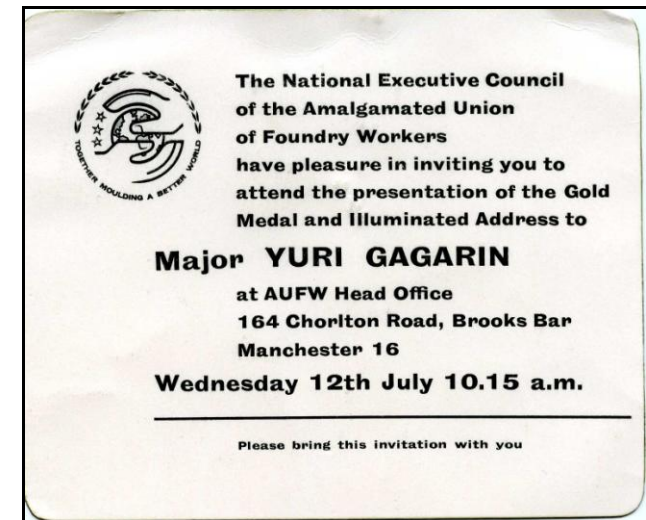
All Welcome

Gurbir Singh, a Manchester based blogger (www.astrotalkuk.org) and space historian, author of **Yuri Gagarin in London and Manchester**, will talk about a visit to Manchester by the world's first spaceman Yuri Gagarin on 12th July 1961. Signed copies of the book will be available on the day. The talk will cover Gagarin's background, why he came to Manchester and where in Manchester he visited. It will also include testimonies from many that personally saw and met him as he travelled past southern cemetery, through Chorlton & to the union office at Brooks Bar.



The talk will include a film of Gagarin's time in Manchester and conclude with a review of the wider social impact of his visit which took place midst the rising tension of the cold war.

Gurbir will also provide an update on the campaign to make Manchester the permanent home of a statue Yuri Gagarin in 2012. More at www.astrotalkuk.org



Joyce Baines from the History Group worked at the AUFW in 1962. This was her ticket to the event

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