

News Information



Westcliff Film and Video Club



Bombay Dreams of Ekco

Sebastian Moonjely was brought up in the 1960s in India on stories of the big factory in Southend where his father was trained to be the Works Manager of the Ekco Radio and TV plant in India. It was only in September that a lifelong ambition to visit Southend came true, when Sebastian brought his camcorder to video the big factory in Priory Crescent which was once Southend's largest employer.

Sebastian and his wife Shukla were shown around by Westcliff Film and Video Club's Publicity Officer, who was an Ekco apprentice of 40 years ago and who has recently contributed to a new website about Ekco. It was from the website that Sebastian traced Ekco's history. His video will be sent back to India for the family to see.

On secondment to the UK from Mumbai (Bombay) for work reasons, Sebastian visited the former factory site and saw the Ekco radio and TV collection in the Priory Museum. His father Mr Devassy worked in the Ekco factory in Bombay between 1941 and 1973 with Southend manager, Vic Major, and built many of these Ekco designs at the National Ekco plant which supplied the sub continent.

Sebastian is now keen to track down more of his father's connections with Ekco in Southend and more stories can be found and submitted via the website which is at www.ekco-radar.co.uk. The Westcliff Club also presented Sebastian with a video copy of some old Ekco films which had been donated to the East Anglian Film Archive by Chris Taylor and it is planned to have a showing of these with a reunion for former Ekco staff in the next few months.

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