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BATTLE OF CABLE STREET

Celebrate the 70th Anniversary Sunday 8 October 2006

12 noon – 4 pm

Cable Street
London E1

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In 1936, fascism was gaining ground across Europe. In Britain, Sir Oswald Mosley had formed the British Union of Fascists (BUF) portraying Jewish people as the cause of the country's problems. East London had the largest Jewish population in Britain. Attacks on Jews were growing and people were feeling under threat. The announcement that Mosley and his Blackshirts were to march through the area on October 4th was seen as provocation. A petition was signed and local politicians tried to have the march called off. At first, Jewish and political groups didn't want to get involved, but as a result of pressure from local people, it was agreed that the march must be stopped. On the day, up to 250,000 gathered to defend the East End. A fierce battle began with the police when they attempted to clear a path for the march. A barricade was erected to stop the Blackshirts entering Cable Street. People in their houses also took part, throwing eggs, milk bottles and the contents of chamber pots from windows, whilst at ground level, marbles were rolled under the police horses' hooves. It became obvious that the march could not proceed. Mosley was ordered to abandon his plans. The events of the day were a blow against fascism and helped stop the BUF gaining a foothold in Britain. In East London, there was dancing in the streets and tales soon began to be told in pubs and family living rooms about the victory that had been won.

● The purpose of this event is to keep alive into the 21st Century the spirit of the defenders of Cable Street. The principles of tolerance, respect and understanding that took the East Enders to the barricades in 1936 are just as important today.

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