

WINDRUSH DAY

Celebrating and commemorating
the Windrush Generation and
their contribution to British life.

**WEST INDIAN
FRIENDS & FAMILIES
ASSOCIATION.**





Members of the West Indian Families and Friends Association, pictured on an excursion.

Today WIFFA has some 65 members, ranging in age from 30 to 80+. A varied programme of activities, events and social gatherings also draws in the wider family of association members and WIFFA also boasts a number of overseas members, who have returned to the Caribbean. When it first formed, the association had no fixed base and meetings were held at various pubs in Wandsworth and Merton, including the Red Lion in Colliers Wood and the Cricketers in Mitcham. A strong bond was then formed with St. Augustine's church, Tooting, where the church hall was made available to WIFFA. Today the association has regular use of space at Vestry Hall in Mitcham and works in partnership with many community organisations and the local council.

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Some of the founder members of the West Indian Families & Friends Association.

Launched in 1985, the Association was formed to highlight Caribbean issues and is open to anyone regardless of their origin.

Founder members included Tony Broome, Tony Sandiford (the current Chairperson), Neville Blackett, Philip Roach, Ervine Scantlebury, Darcy Farley, Winston Hunte, Sylvester Best and Joe Headley. They saw a need, particularly in South West London, to set up a social organisation drawing on the diverse cultures of Caribbean people.

The aims were set out as follows, to:

- bring people together, to promote good fellowship, social, educational and cultural activities for the benefit of all.
- to provide a source of valuable information mainly on Caribbean issues.
- to assist in welfare matters and to provide possible support
- to establish a meeting place for discussions and functions .