

Pictures: Andrew Higgins



**HERITAGE:** Staff, students and families from the Russian School in traditional Russian costume



**DISPLAY:** Murat Dinc with TP Kapadia and Khalid Tai



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## Helping to break down differences

CROSS-CULTURAL dialogue and understanding were on the menu as well as national foods and costume, dance and customs at an event designed to bring diverse Cheltenham communities together.

It was organised by Cheltenham Together, which aims to bring different groups into closer contact.

Bernice Thomson said: "It was a brilliant event.

"I reckon we had more than 400 people turn up, it was



certainly bigger and better than we were expecting."

People from different ethnic communities across town joined in, dressing in traditional clothes, offering food to others and showing off customs and arts.

Bernice said: "This was the first event of Cheltenham Together.

"It went so well, I'm sure the group will want to do more events, although they might be different from this one."

For more on Cheltenham Together or to get involved visit [Facebook.com/Cheltenhamtog](https://www.facebook.com/Cheltenhamtog) ether or call Bernice Thomson on 01242 692112