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**Immigrants are important to our town** by Rebecca Carter

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*If you come to our town, you won't really notice them. But without immigrants, life here would be quite different - and not half as nice! Rebecca Carter talked to four of them.*

Bina Dinkar is a chef at the "Taj Mahal" Indian restaurant. She came to England 30 years ago, as a baby. "I'm not going to leave this town. It's my home," she told me. That's good news for the many guests of the "Taj Mahal". "My parents taught me to cook," says Bina. "And then I learned much more about food at college. Of course, we offer fish and chips at the restaurant too. But most people who come to us want Indian food." Now, where would we be without people like Bina and her Indian food?  
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Timo Roth is an electrician from Germany. He puts solar panels on English houses for a German company. "I travel all over England in the week," Timo says. "But I love the weekends here. We all go out together." Timo has got many friends here. At the rugby club, for example. "It said 'Rugby Football Club' at the door," he told me. "So, I went in and asked if I could play football. I was quite surprised when I saw the shape of the ball! But now I love the game." And our town loves you, Timo. You're our star player!

Another German, Nadja Jung, works as a baker at Dobbs Bakery. Jim Dobbs told me why he wanted a German baker. "Well, German bakers get fantastic training. And everybody loves German bread and cakes. So, I found Nadja and together we made this new bread that we call 'Wunderbread'." Then I spoke to Nadja. "I love it here. The people are really nice and polite. I'm making a lot of 'Wunderbread' at the moment, but I'm going to learn how to make English things too. Most Germans don't like English bread, but I love toast and marmalade and a cup of tea in the mornings. Very English - and very good!" Yes, just like you, Nadja. Wunderbar!

Piotr Szwarc is a plumber from Poland. He likes it here, but he gets angry sometimes. "People in England make jokes about us," he says. "They say that we don't speak English, don't work hard and take away jobs from English people." Unfortunately, Piotr is right. Yes, that is what some English people think ... Piotr says, "Listen to me. I speak good English. And I work very hard. And just look around you - there's enough work here for everybody." I know Piotr is right because I couldn't find a plumber to repair my shower. That has been done now - Piotr is quick! We need people like you, Piotr. Please stay!

