



## Newsletter December 2013

### New Hall Building Update

Due to delays in the delivery of certain materials, the completion of the building has been rescheduled for early 2014.

**Current Standing of the GA Building Fund:** Cash in Bank £230K, money raised £85K and still to raise, £22K



Exterior



Interior

### GA Weekly Activities

Sahkar Day Centre: Mon 10.30am–2pm  
Yoga – Wed 7-8.30pm  
Hinduism Classes – Fri 6-7pm

Adult Exercise Class: Wed 6-7pm & Sat 8.30-9.30am  
Bhajans – Thur 7.15–8.30pm  
Youth Club – Fri 7–9pm

**Recent Events** - here's a roundup of what has been going on!

#### **Shri Sathya Narayan Katha – 26<sup>th</sup> August 2013**

Members and in particular children were invited to take part in a Pooja. The Katha was performed by Anil Vyas, which was translated in English so that our younger participants could understand its meaning. A total of £260 was raised and over 25 Poojas were performed – thank you to everyone who participated!

#### **Navratri – 5<sup>th</sup> October – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

We saw increased participation by our community and also many new faces. A total of £4,596 was raised in donations from Aarti's and at Haven, whilst on Aatham the crowd was entertained by the popular Shakti Om band. Thank you to the singers and musicians who entertained during the festival and also to those who donated.

#### **Diwali Show – 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2013**

The anticipated Diwali show did not disappoint as we had a record 80 performers, entertaining us with music, dance, drama and song. As this was also a fundraising event, a total of £2,427 was raised from donations and raffles. Special thanks to Shobhna, Manisha, Anil and Naresh for organising the event which attracted around 500 people – the biggest show to date!

#### **Children's Halloween Party – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

Organised by the Youth Club, a popular event for children and adults as it's a chance for all to come in their scariest outfits. Thank you to Sue, Panky and Kammy, along with all the helpers who decorated the hall, prepared the food and organised the games.

#### **Jalaram Jayanti – 9<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

This year the celebration of Jalaram Bapa's birth was held during the day so that more people could attend. A total of £375 was generously donated and a big thanks to the ladies for preparing and cooking the lovely food.

### Forthcoming events for your diaries

**CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY** – Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2013 2.30pm – 7.00pm (a food list will be up in the entrance)

**NEW YEARS EVE CHARITY DINNER & DANCE** – Tue 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2013 (see poster for details)

**PROPOSED HALL OPENING DATE** – Early 2014

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