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Newsletter July 2014

SITARA HALL OPENING

The GA and its community entered into an historical moment last May, when the new SITARA hall was officially opened on the 10th May 2014 attracting around 450 people. Along with religious blessings and entertainment, the day also recognised how far our community has come in the last 30 years, with a history board on display and special mention to our past presidents of the GA.

The GA Committee was also overwhelmed by the generosity of our community where a further £14,800 was donated towards the building fund and for this we are extremely grateful.

Special thanks must go to the Hall Opening sub-Committee, the Youth Club for providing an excellent buffet service, Satsang ladies for cooking the grand lunch and lastly but by no means least, all the volunteers and helpers who made this day such a special occasion.

HALL BOOKINGS

The GA has now implemented a formal booking process, now that the premises consist of a Mandir, Community and Sitara Halls and its kitchens.

For further information, please contact either Fatehbhai Patel on 07956 827820 or Nareshbhai Patel on 07748 758169.

GARBA AND DANDIYA NIGHT

On Saturday 21st June 2014, a Garba and Dandiya Night was held at the Sitara Hall, attracting 475 people who were entertained by Rameshbhai and Band from Leicester. Music and dance was enjoyed by all young and old and with the weather being so good, it was like being in India!

Big thanks must go to the committee members and helpers who organised the event, which was the first since the opening of the Sitara Hall.

NOTICE OF AGM

In accordance with our Constitution please find enclosed the agenda for our Annual General Meeting which will be held in the Sitara Hall on **Sunday 31st August 2014** at 2.30pm.

We encourage everyone and in particular our younger community members to attend, as it's been very busy over the past 12 months and we have a bright future ahead of us.

Other Forthcoming events for your diaries

GA YOUTH CLUB/ASIAN SPORTS CRICKET CLUB SPORTS DAY – Sun 20th July 2014 from 9.00am at Colton Hills School

SHRAVAN – Sun 27th July – Mon 25th August 2014

108 HANUMAN CHALISA – Sat 9th August 2014 7.00am – 3.30pm

RAKSHA BANDHAN – Sun 10th August 2014

INDIA INDEPENDENCE DAY DINNER & DANCE – Fri 15th August 2014 at the Sitara Hall (*see poster for details*)

JANMASTAMI – Sun 17th August 2014 7.00pm – 12.30am at the Mandir

MANDHATA YOUTH FESTIVAL – Sat 23rd – Sun 24th August 2014 at Tudor Grange Leisure Centre, Birmingham

GANESH CHOTH – Fri 29th August 2014 7.00pm – 9.30pm at the Mandir

If you wish to be added to our mailing list, please email us at info@gujaratiassociation.org.uk.

GA Weekly Activities

Sahkar Day Centre: Mon 10.30am–2pm

Adult Exercise Class: Wed 6-7pm & Sat 8.30-9.30am £1.50 pp

Hinduism Classes – Fri 6.30-7pm

Yoga – Wed 7-8.30pm £2 pp

Bhajans – Thurs. 7.15–8.30pm

Youth Club – Fri 7–9pm £1 per child over 5



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G. A. Annual General Meeting

Sunday 31st August 2014 at 2.30 pm

Please find below the agenda for the Meeting to be held at the Sitara Hall (G. A. Centre), Mander Street, Wolverhampton WV3 0JZ.

AGENDA

1. Prayer and Welcome
2. Apologies - Anil Patel
3. Conduct of meeting - Naresh Patel
4. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 07 /07/2013 and Matters Arising - Jaswantbhai / Anil
5. Report from the President - Naresh Patel
6. Report of activities in 2013/2014
 - a. Gujarati Association - Anil Patel
 - b. Youth Club - Sumitra Patel
 - c. Sahkar Day Centre (Elderly Group) - Jaswantbhai Patel
7. Presentation of Accounts - Nilesh Patel
 - a. Main accounts
 - b. Youth club accounts
 - c. Sahkar day Centre - Jaswantbhai Patel
8. Sitara Hall Update - Naresh Patel
 - a. Report from Building Sub-committee - Jitu Patel
 - b. Navratri Celebrations (Which hall)? - Naresh Patel
9. Break
10. Questions and Answers - All
11. Election of Management Committee.
12. Close – 5 pm

We would like encourage members to stand for positions on the Management Committee. For nomination forms please contact the President (Naresh Patel – 01902 342843) or the Secretary (Anil Patel – 01902 828755) or visit the centre on Mondays (11am -1pm) or Thursdays (7.30pm – 9pm).

When joining the committee you should be able to commit to a minimum of 50% attendance to meetings, if not then please consider becoming a volunteer instead.

Copies of our accounts for 2013-14 will be available from the G.A. please ask if you need one.

Nominations close: Wednesday 27th August 2014 @ 5 pm.

Last date of Withdrawal of nominations: Saturday 30th August 2014 @ 5pm.



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invites you to celebrate

INDIA INDEPENDENCE DAY

with a

Dinner and Dance!

SITARA HALL

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Friday 15th August 2014

Doors open at 7pm

TICKETS

£15 per adult

£7 per child up to 16

£40 Family (2 adults & 2 children under 16)

Under 5's FREE

*3 Course Meal with
Waiter Service!*

*Complimentary Drink on
arrival!*

DJ and kids disco!

Luxury Hamper Raffle!

Seating arranged in tables of 10 and CANNOT be booked in advance as will be allocated on a first come first served basis

For Tickets contact: Manisha 07712 718895, Shobhna 07946 722904, Anil 07890 663152 or Pankaj 07968 144434