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## Jai Shri Krishna

Please accept our belated Season's greetings. We very much hope that in spite of the arctic weather in December, you had an enjoyable break and are rearing to go to bring your plans for 2011 to fruition. We hope that we will continue to have your support and devotion to your Temple.

This circular looks back to some successful events of 2010 and also highlights the latest news and developments happening at your Temple.

## Looking back to 2010

Your Temple offers a variety of programmes and provides a focal point for our community. These programmes are well attended which indicates you enjoy these events and love coming to the Temple. Some programmes need a lot of planning and hard work on the day and we thank you all for your help and support. In 2010 your Temple has hosted a large variety of events including Krishna Janmastami, Ganesh Chaturthi, Swaminarayan Satsang, Navratri, Vijay Dashmi, Sharadpurnima, Karvachouth, Dhan Teras, Diwali, Annkot, Jalaram Bapa Jayanti and of course your monthly Ramayan Katha brilliantly conducted by your own Panditji. We provide here further details of some of these events:

### Ganesh Chaturthi (by Bharti Kathrecha)

First of all we would like to thank you all for making the time to attend in large numbers to our 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Ganesh Chaturthi's celebrations. This function lasted for a week (11th - 19th September) with celebrations and Bhojan Prasad every night; also we had Garba's and Bhajan programme on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>, which we believe the whole community enjoyed very much. The event culminated in the immersing ceremony of Lord Ganesha's statue on the last day in the Bristol Channel (near Portishead Marina). Those who made the effort of attending this final ceremony would agree with me that it was a fantastic evening

to witness the immersing of our Lord Ganesh in the sea... Community and the volunteers are very important part of any event. A big thanks you to all for supporting this wonderful event.

Your generous donation throughout the 7 day event raised around £4,500 for the Temple.

Finally, I would like to thank my sub-Committee for the support and guidance and also making this year's event even better than previous year. Well done to all and hope 2011 Ganesh Chaturthi event will be even better!!

## Navratri Programme

### Our highlight of the year

We celebrated this festival starting on 8 October culminating with Navratri Yajna on 17 October. We thank Rakesh and Nimisha Patel for generously sponsoring the Yajna as Mukhya Yajman. As usual, a large number of you took part in both the Navratri and Sharadpurnima celebrations with deep devotion tinged with gaiety and you were generous with your donations too. Many of you sponsored various aspects of this event and we thank you for this. Thank you also to Ila Shrimanker and her Saheli group members for brightening up the Temple with beautiful decorations. You create a wonderful atmosphere on the Navratri nights and your willingness to help and serve and your spontaneity is impressive and infectious to those who are relatively new to the event.

### Annkot

We celebrated the beginning of our new year (Vikram Samvat 2067) on the 6<sup>th</sup> November. Once again we had a big gathering and after the Main Dharshan we shared the Prasad and greeted each other to bring peace and happiness for the coming year. Your support and devotion was overwhelming and you were there in even larger number than it has been in previous years.

## Other News

### Gujarati Classes

Weekly Saturday Gujarati classes have now recommenced after the Xmas and New Year break. If you wish to send your children to these classes please contact Aruna Mistry on 01454 850567 or Rohini Pandya on 0117 9688392 for more details.

Date	Event
14 Jan	<b>Makar Shankrant</b>
15 Jan	<b>Havan &amp; Bhajans followed by Bhojan Prashad from Satpal &amp; Nirmala Rajput and family, 4-6pm. ALL ARE WELCOME</b>
19 Jan	<b>Purnima</b>
29 Jan	<b>Ekadashi</b>
08 Feb	<b>Vasant Panchami</b>
14 Feb	<b>Ekadashi</b>
17 Feb	<b>Purnima</b>
28 Feb	<b>Ekadashi</b>
02 March	<b>Maha Shivratri- Shiv Abhishek from 6.30 pm onwards</b>
06 March	<b>Shivatri Havan &amp; Puja. Between 10-2pm. Bhojan Prashad will be served thereafter.</b>
	You are welcome to join & take part in the Havan as Yajmans. We would appreciate a donation of at least £25 per family for participating as Yajman on this auspicious occasion. Please give your name to Rasikbhai Patel or Panditji if you wish to take part.
16 March	<b>Ekadashi</b>
19 March	<b>Holi Celebration. We will light up the holi at around 6pm. Please join in for this festival of colours. Mandir will provide the dry colour powder.</b>
29 March	<b>Ekadashi</b>
03 April	<b>Ramayan Katha: 4-6pm followed by Bhojan Prashad</b>
12 April	<b>Ram Navami: Puja, Aarti and Bhajans- 12noon onwards</b>
14 April	<b>Ekadashi</b>
17 April	<b>Hanuman Jayanti: We are planning a Hanuman Chalisa recital and/or Bhajan Programme on this day. More details will be provided closer to the date. Anyone who wish to sponsor the event please contact Rasikbhai or Panditji</b>
26 April	<b>Ekadashi</b>
01 May	<b>Ramayan Katha: 4-6pm followed by Bhojan Prashad</b>
13 May	<b>Ekadashi</b>
16 May	<b>Purnima</b>
28 May	<b>Ekadashi</b>

## Message to all members and devotees

One way of keeping in touch with events happening in the Temple and any other important information is to subscribe to the regular e-mail feed. Registration is free and simple.

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Thank you.

