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## Newsletter January 2012

Jai Sri Krishna and warmest wishes to all for a Prosperous 2012 from the Bristol Hindu Temple management committee. For our first Newsletter of 2012 we bring you some news, some feedback from last year's events and new diary dates.

Contacting the committee. Organisations like ours use e-mails as a direct, and low cost means of communication, and to send the same message to many in one go. To enable any direct communication with the committee an e-mail address has now been setup. The committee can be e-mailed on [bristolhindutemple@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bristolhindutemple@hotmail.co.uk). Information about our activities are also available on our website: [www.bristolhindutemple.co.uk](http://www.bristolhindutemple.co.uk) From time to time other events happen which would not have been known of at the time of the Newsletter being printed. To ensure that information is received by all about these events we advise everyone to sign up to receive e-mails via the Mandir website. This can be done by subscribing to the RSS feed on the website. Printed Newsletters will still be sent however, to receive intermittent updates we advise that e-mails be used and information be passed on to those friends and family members whom you know that may not use e-mails. We are impressed with those elders who are keeping up with the times!

Volunteers required for painting. Plans are underway to arrange for a much needed re-paint of the upstairs Mandir. This is likely to take place in the next few months. Volunteers are requested to come forward to lend a hand. Further information will be passed through e-mail and notifications through the mandir's website which is [www.bristolhindutemple.co.uk](http://www.bristolhindutemple.co.uk) You can e-mail us on [bristolhindutemple@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bristolhindutemple@hotmail.co.uk) to be directly informed by the committee.

BHYF - tree planting feedback. On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December members of BHYF and Bristol University Hindu Society joined together with other volunteers to plant many new trees at the Petherbridge Cycle Path, Lockleaze. The day was educating (we learned a lot about tree planting) and we fulfilled our pledge to do Sewa for the protection of the environment. We met some fantastic people including a 70 year old lady who we had to keep up with for digging the ground, putting up tree supports and loading and pushing wheelbarrows of mulch! We look forward to seeing our trees grow. Pizzas were enjoyed by our team afterwards! Pictures of the day are on our Facebook group.

### Ganesh Chaturthi 2011 (by Bharti Kathrecha)

First of all again we would like to thank you for making the time to attend in large numbers to our 3rd year of Ganesh Chaturthi's celebrations. This function lasted for over a week (1st - 11th September) with celebrations and Bhojan Prasad every night; also we had Garba's and Bhajan programme on Saturday 10th, which we believe the whole community enjoyed very much. Once again this year those who made the effort of attending the final in immersing ceremony of Lord Ganesh's statue on the day in the Bristol Channel (near Portishead Marina) was to even better than last year. Thank you very much for everyone who came to witness the immersing of our Lord Ganesh in the sea... Once again community and the volunteers are very important part of any event. A big thanks to you all for supporting this wonderful event.

Your generous donation throughout the 11 days event raised around £7.500 for the Temple. Finally I would like to thank my sub-committee for the support and guidance and

also making Ganesh Chaturthi 2011 even better than previous year. Well done to you all once again and hope 2012 Ganesh Chaturthi event will even better!!!.

### Diary Dates 2012

Sat	14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Makar Sankranti (Uttaran)
Sat	28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Vasant Panchami
Sun	5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Monthly Katha (begins at 4pm)
Sun	19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Havan for Mahashivratri (Yajmaans wishing to participate to contact Mr Rasik Patel or Panditji)
Mon	20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Mahashivratri
Sun	4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Monthly Katha (begins at 4pm)
Wed	7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Holi (Holika dahan puja from 6pm)
Fri	23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Chaitra Navratra begin (Ashtami on Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> March)
Sun	1 <sup>st</sup> April	Ram Navami - Pujan, Bhajan and Aarti from 12 noon
Sun	1 <sup>st</sup> April	Monthly Katha (begins at 4pm)
Fri	6 <sup>th</sup> April	Hanuman Jayanti
Sun	13 <sup>th</sup> May	Monthly Katha (begins at 4pm)
Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jun	A short Monthly Katha plus Pravachan by Swami Mohan Priyaji from Kalimpong West Bengal, India (begins at 4pm)
Sun	1 <sup>st</sup> Jul	Monthly Katha (begins at 4pm)
Sun	5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Monthly Katha (begins at 4pm)

As always we look forward to your continued support and involvement in all activities to make 2012 a special year at our Mandir.

Jai Sri Krishna

Mandir Management Committee

