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THE HINDU TEMPLE (BRISTOL)

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This circular brings you the latest news and developments happening at your temple. It also includes the formal notice announcing our forthcoming AGM.

Annual General Meeting

The Management Committee hereby give notice to all the members of the Hindu Temple (Bristol) that the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** will be held at our Temple on Sunday 12 June 2011 at 4 PM. At this meeting, elections will be held for the new Temple Management Committee (MC). It is expected that the AGM will finish by 6 PM. Regular Aarti will follow at 7:30 PM.

AGENDA

1. Chairperson's report
2. Secretary's report
3. Treasurer's report
4. Feedback from the Trustees representative
5. Election of new management committee
6. Appointment of auditors
7. Any other business

A nomination form is enclosed

Wouldn't it be nice this year that we have more nominations than the vacancies on the MC and for this reason we would need to conduct the election process? It is good to have some new faces on the committee every year who can bring new ideas and new leadership in the management of the day-to-day Temple affairs and to provide a fresh direction for the benefit of the Bristol Hindu Community. Do not worry if you have not served on the MC before. You will get full support and guidance from the experienced MC members. Please therefore do come forward and send your nomination for the Temple MC.

Please note that **only PAID MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTION PROCESS INCLUDING CASTING THEIR VOTE**. However, we would be delighted to see all members of Temple congregation present at the AGM. The AGM presents a once-in-a year opportunity to air your views about the work of the Temple and how would you like the temple to develop in future years. Please take this opportunity and let us have your valuable input and feedback.

Other News

Next door plot of land and our share in it

Many of you may be aware that at last AGM we raised the subject of the shared land at the back of our building. Back in 1990s a limited company was formed, called Redfield outdoor Sports Ltd (ROSL). Two of the Temple's then management committee members jointly hold half the shares of the company, as nominee shareholders of the Temple. There is now a proposal by the other party to wind down the company and to buy back our shares. Full details will be provided at the AGM with the options available to us and you will have the opportunity to give your views on these options.

Temple Membership

This is a general reminder about the temple membership being available for a period of one and ten years or for life at a fee of £3 (£5 for the family), £35 and £101 respectively. A membership application form is enclosed if you or your family and friends wish to apply for temple membership. Please send the completed application forms along with the remittance to Pankaj Pandya at 1 Cedar Grove, Stoke Bishop, Bristol BS9 1BX . You can ring him at 07787152369 or e-mail him at pandya@tiscali.co.uk for further details.

Donation by Bank standing order

Very warm thanks to those who donate regular amount monthly by standing order. It does help **significantly** to have a stable income for the temple. We will therefore urge those members who have done so to set up a standing order for the regular donation. A stable and regular income will help us plan for the future with confidence. Please ring Pankaj Pandya at 07787152369 or e-mail him at pandya@tiscali.co.uk if you require help in setting up your standing order.

Ganesh Chaturthi Celebrations

This event has become one of the highlights of the Temple's calendar. Once again, Bharti Kathrecha and her team of dedicated helpers are putting some plans together to organise and ensure this year's event is even bigger and better. Please support her in anyway you can (either by donating money or your valuable time) to make sure this annual celebration goes smoothly and efficiently and that everyone has a very enjoyable time. If you can help and support in anyway please contact Bharti on 0117 9244828 (evenings) or on 07593237769, or speak to Rasikbhai Patel.

Bristol Hindu Youth Forum

A flyer from BHYF summarising the past events along with what they are planning during the rest of this year is

enclosed. Please continue to support this forum as they are doing a great job to bring the community together, especially our youths.

Saheli Group

Annual General Meeting on the 26th June (Sunday) 2.30-3.30 in the Gandhi Hall followed by a musical programme from the GANDA Group (An African music & entertainment group to raise money for the Ganda Foundation and their charitable work at the children's Cancer Institute in Kampala, Uganda) from 4-6pm in the Main Hall. Light refreshment will be served after the programme. Watch out for more details and please support this good cause.

Date	Event
05 June	Monthly Ramayan Katha: 4-6pm followed by Bhojan Prashad
12 June	Nirjala Ekadashi
15 June	Purnima
27 June	Ekadashi
03 July	Samuh Katha: 12-1.30pm, followed by Bhojan Prasad. If you wish to take part in this Katha we humbly request a donation of £25. Please contact Pooja Lakhani on 0117 967 3731 or Ila Shrimanker on 01934 838746 if you want to take part.
10 June	Monthly Ramayan Katha: 4-6pm followed by Bhojan Prashad
15 July	Gurupurnima
31 July	Shravan month Starts(Shiv Abhishek every day in the Temple during Aarti times)
07 Aug	Monthly Ramayan Katha: 4-6pm followed by Bhojan Prashad
13 Aug	Raksha Bhandan
21 Aug	Shitla Shaptami
22 Aug	Janmastami Bhajans and Krishna Janma Puja & Aarti -7:30- 10:00pm
28 Aug	Shravan Month Finishes
04-11 Sept	Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations 2010(see note above)

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.

Go to our website for details. www.bristolhindutemple.co.uk

We look forward to seeing you all at the AGM and at the forthcoming Temple events.

Warm regards,

The Management Committee

