

THE HINDU TEMPLE (Bristol) (Sanatan Deevya Mandal)

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AGM – June 2011

The meeting on Sunday 12th June at 4.00pm was attended by around 60 members.

Chairman - Mr Rasikbhai Patel thanked the members of the Hindu community for their support to the Mandir throughout the year. He talked about the improvements that have been carried out to the Mandir premises in the year and more that are in line for both floors in due course. He welcomes positive suggestions from all members of the community. He also thanked the members who have helped with food preparations, as well as singers and musicians during Navratri, Tuesday evening Bhajan group, teachers of Gujarati classes and Bharathanatyam Dance Classes, Mohanbhai Patel and Pankajbhai Pandya for all their help.

Secretary – Dr Sagar Midha – thanked everyone and covered the religious programmes and celebrations that have been conducted at the Mandir. Panditji was thanked and acknowledge for his input towards the visits from schools, the police and others who wish to know about the basic tenets of Hinduism. Also the input towards the social element by the Saheli and BHYP groups and their Chair's was also acknowledged. The building works and costs was also covered.

Treasurer – Mr Pankajbhai Pandya presented the accounts for the year 2010/2011 to the members and stated that overall they are in good order. He also talked through the current situation about the land behind the temple which is jointly owned by the temple and it's neighbours under the company Redfield Outdoor Sports Ltd. This complicated issue has been in discussion for more than a year and legal advice is being taken. There are no further outcomes to this to report on as yet.

Auditor – Mr Dilip Patel of Wormald and Partners comments acknowledged the good work of the committee – income and expenditure are up. He also responded to concerns of members to income and accounts of the Katha group. To this he has requested the Katha Group, Saheli and BHYP to present annual accounts at the next AGM. Donation boxes are to be emptied on a more regular basis.

Election of the Management Committee:

This was facilitated by our Auditor. Out of the thirteen nominations received three were not valid. There was no nomination for the post of Secretary. Although, Mr Pankaj Pandya sent his nomination for the position of Treasurer, the trustees decided that they wanted him to take on the role of negotiating the terms about our land next door with Mr Dew and therefore free him from the duties of the treasurer. They persuaded Mr Rohit Desai to take up Treasurer's position. The trustees also persuaded Bhavna Mistry to take up the role of the Secretary. The new Management Committee for 2011/12 is therefore as follows:

Chairman – Rasik Patel
Vice Chair – Bharti Kathrecha
Secretary – Bhavna Mistry
Treasurer – Rohit Desai
Assistant Treasurer – Narendra Sampat
Social Secretary – Anirudh Bhatt
Committee Members – Vasuben Kathrecha,
Parag Bhatt, Gaurang Patadia, Sagar Midha,
Sharda Panchal

Notice Gifts and donations for the Mandir are welcomed. Anyone wishing to give donations of Sidhu to Panditji must give this at his residence. Any Dakshina intended for Panditji should be given to Panditji personally. Any food donations or gifts otherwise given at the Mandir will be understood to be donations intended for use by the Mandir for community events organised by the Mandir.

BHYF Information

Coach Trip 20th August to Alton Towers – e-mail bristolhinduyouthforum@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

National Sewa Day is taking place on 25th September. This is for all to be involved in. Request for volunteers to join in with preparing the Mandir for Navratri to be there from 10.00am. Also for NSD 2011, we will be collecting unwanted spectacles for donation to Vision Aid - a charity that helps to provide spectacles to the needy in third world countries. A box will be available in the Mandir for collection of donations from 22nd August.

Tree Planting This will be happening around October/November, more details to follow.

Film Festival This will be happening in December – further details will be provided through our e-mail circulars. To receive news and information, please e-mail us on bristolhinduyouthforum@hotmail.co.uk

Diary dates

Sun	31 st Jul	<u>Shravan Month begins.</u> Monthly Ramayan Katha – 4.00pm to 6.00pm
Sat	13 th Aug	Rakshabandhan
Mon	15 th Aug	India Independence Day
Sat	20 th Aug	Coach Trip to Alton Towers – theme park entry £19.00 for ages 4-12, £25.00 aged over 13 plus transport. contact bristolhinduyouthforum@hotmail.co.uk for more information.
Mon	22 nd Aug	Janamashtami from 7.00pm, Bhajans, Krishna Janam Utsav and Aarti
Sun	28 th Aug	<u>Shravan Month ends.</u> Monthly Ramayan Katha 4.00pm to 6.00pm
Thu	1 st Sept to	Ganesh Chaturthi – further information about this year’s grand event in the Ganesh
Sun	11 th Sept	Chaturthi Circular also enclosed.
Sat	3 rd Sept	Indian Independence Day celebration Dinner Dance - organised by Avon Indian Association. For tickets and further information please contact:- Sagar Midha: 07882578613; Pankaj Pandya: 9688392; Sunita Sunak 9502542; Illa Srimankar 01934 838746
Mon	12 th Sept	Shraadh begins (ends on Tues 27 th Sept).
Sun	25 th Sept	National Sewa Day – decorating Mandir for Navratri – meet at 10.00am.
Wed	28 th Sept	Navratri begins (ends on Wed 5 th Oct) Garbas at Mandir every day except for Fri 30 th Sept and Sat 1 st Oct when garba will take place at Patchway Community College Hempton Lane, Almondsbury, Bristol BS32 4AJ. Start at 8.00pm.
Tue	4 th Oct	Durga Ashtami
Thu	6 th Oct	Dussheraah
Sun	9 th Oct	Navratri Havan (Yajmaans wishing to participate are requested to contact Panditji or Mr Rasikbhai Patel).
Tue	11 th Oct	Sharad Purnimaa (Bhajan programme by members who regularly practice at the mandir. This will take place after 7.00pm aarti).
Sat	15 th Oct	Karva Chauth
Sun	16 th Oct	Sharad Purnimaa Garbas at Mandir after 7.00pm
Mon	24 th Oct	Dhan Teras
Tue	25 th Oct	Kaali Chaudas
Wed	26 th Oct	Diwali – Chopda Poojan at Mandir from 8.00pm onwards. (Yajmaans wishing to participate are requested to contact Panditji or Mr Rasikbhai Patel).
Thu	27 th Oct	New Year (Nutan Varsh V.S. 2068) Annakot Darshan until evening. A list for Annakot dishes will be circulated during Navratri.
Fri	28 th Oct	Bhai Bij
Sat	29 th Oct	Diwali Party – save the date - details will be announced during Navratri.
Wed	2 nd Nov	Jalaram Jayanti (anyone wishing to sponsor Bhojan Prasad please contact Panditji or Mr Rasikbhai Patel)
Sun	6 th Nov	Monthly Ramayan Katha (4.00pm to 6.00pm)
Thu	10 th Nov	Dev Diwali
Sun	4 th Dec	Monthly Ramayan Katha (4.00pm to 6pm)