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Editor's Message

Welcome to the 2nd edition of this year's newsletter.

Summer's just around the corner which means we can all come out of hibernation - it's time to get outdoors and enjoy the good weather while it lasts ... blink and you might miss it!

As usual this issue has updates on past and future events. We implore all members to get involved and support our branch. We need your help and attendance at these events to make them a success.

The Branch Annual General Meeting takes place on Sunday 29th April 2007 at the Hindu Community Centre, Wellingborough from 4pm to 5pm. We need your attention for just 1 hour so please come along - it would be nice to see some new faces on the committee this year.

Finally a reminder that annual membership fees are now due. It only costs £2 for all persons in your household aged over 18 years. If you haven't paid for last year, please submit this also. Alternatively, why not become a life member which is £25 per person. Send your cheque payable to SPA Wellingborough to Kalpana Mistry, 21 Jersey Close, Wellingborough, NN8 4UA.

SPA Wellingborough

Branch Annual General Meeting

Sunday 29th April 2007

4pm to 5pm

*Hindu Community Centre
Wellingborough*

PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND

WANTED NEWSLETTER SPONSORS £75 PER ISSUE

If you are interested, please call Satish on 07909 537094 or email him on satmistry@btinternet.com

Sponsorship can be done as an individual or as a business where we will feature your advert or leaflet

Badminton Club

Every Thursday from 7.15pm to 8.45pm at the Hindu Centre, Wellingborough. Everyone welcome. £2 for adults, £1 for children aged 16 and under.

Call Nanubhai on 01604 784864 for more details



National Fun Day Kingsbury Water Park

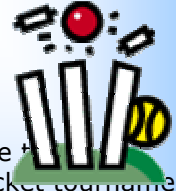
(just south of Birmingham)



Sunday 1st July

It's a great event and we really do recommend you come. It's always well attended by our branch members and a great place to meet up with friends and family from other branches. Games, BBQs, drink and fun are the order of the day and the kids especially love it.

National Sports Day Saturday 15th September at Warwick University, Coventry



This year we also hope to have a cricket team. The cricket tournament takes place before the main Sports Day. **Please contact Hiten on 01604 784864 if you want to enter in either or both events**

Waendel Walk

Saturday 12th May

This year's walk is fast approaching and we're submitting another strong contingent this year who will be doing the 5km, 15km and 25km walks.

Like last year, sponsorship money will be donated to charity.

Training has already started so dust off your walking boots and get yourself into shape.

It's a great way of keeping fit and raising money for charity at the same time.



If you are want to take part or donate monies, call Nanubhai on 01604 784864

Bhuvaneshwari Mahadev Abhusak

at the Hindu Community Centre, Wellingborough

Saturday 2nd June

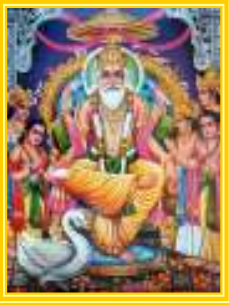


Please contact Hiten if you want to be a Yajman or help as a volunteer. Further details are also available with the enclosed leaflet

SPA HQ AGM

Sunday 13th May in Coventry

Vishvakarma Jayanti & Jalaram Bhojan



On the 2nd February 2007, we celebrated Shree Vishvakarma Bhagwan Janma Jayanti (birth anniversary) and Jalaram Bhojan at the Hindu Mandir, Wellingborough. The turnout was around 250 people but disappointingly not many members from our community were present. We urge you all to take a more proactive part in activities to promote and further enhance our branch.

Comments are grateful from those members who did attend.



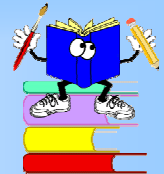
Below are pictures from the event



Notebook Appeal

The Mahila Mandal in Bilimora, India hold an annual event whereby they distribute free notebooks to orphans and children from poor families. This year they are also holding an event and would be grateful of any donations. If you would like to help, please send your donations directly to the following address: **SHREE PRAJAPATI MAHILA MANDAL, c/o Shree Prajapati Vidhyarhti Ashram, Mahadev Nagar, Bilimora – 396321, Gujarat, India.**

If you want to donate money, you should also send your name so they can be printed in the notebooks



Introduction event 07

Venue: Oceanic Bar, 158 Station Road, Edgware, London, HA8 0PP

Time: 1400 – 1800

28 April 07

Application form available on www.spalondon.org

Age: 23-36

Annual membership is £10, tickets are £15.

Tickets bought before 15 April inclusive of membership only £20

For more information please contact: Mrs. Hashmitaben Mistry

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All written applications to be submitted by 19 April 07

Open to Prajapatis only

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Book Appeal



We're still collecting books for the Navsari Library. If you have any **English** books that you have read but now just collecting dust, gather them up and pass them on to:

Bhupendrabhai, 109 Melton Road North, Wellingborough.

He will then send them on to London branch who are making arrangements to collect them and send to Navsari.

Fiction, non fiction, biographies, children's books, comics etc, please spread the word and assist in gathering books for the benefit of others.

Ganesh Tales - "Ganesh The Scribe"

Sage Vyasa was meditating in the Himalayas. Lord Brahma appeared before him and asked him to write the epic Mahabharata for the benefit of all. Sage Vyasa asked for the help of a wise scribe, who would write down the saga as he composed and sang it. Brahma suggested the name of Lord Ganesha who agreed on one condition. He said he would write it down only if Vyasa was quick in singing it. Sage Vyasa agreed but requested that Ganesha should understand the meaning of each verse and only then put it down in writing. Vyasa started singing. Whenever he felt Ganesha was writing too fast for him, he composed a difficult verse, so that by the time Ganesha could decipher the meaning, he would have composed several more verses in his mind. When in the midst of writing, his stencil broke; Ganesha lopped off one of his tusks and continued writing.

There will be more "Ganesh Tales" in the next issue



Icons of India – Icon no 3

Amitabh Bachchan was born in the city of Allahabad on 11 October 1942 to mother Teji and father Dr Harivansh Rai Bachchan. His father was a well known poet of Urdu and Hindi. Though his surname was Srivastava, he adopted the pen name Bachchan, under which was published all his work. It is with this last name that Amitabh debuted in films, and it has become the surname of all members of the current family. His mother is Sikh, born in Punjab and his father was a Hindu Kayastha from Uttar Pradesh.

Amitabh is the most successful Hindi film actor. He is also a producer and the former television presenter of the game show Kaun Banega Crorepati. He started his movie career in 1969, with Saat Hindustani and continues today to be a prominent figure in the Bollywood film industry. He was also, briefly involved in politics, as he was elected to the Indian Parliament but resigned prematurely. He married actress Jaya Bhaduri in 1973 and the couple have 2 children: daughter, Shweta and son Abhishek who is also an actor.



Symbols of India

Symbol no 3



India's flag was adopted on July 22 1947, after India became independent from Great Britain. The design was based upon the flag of the Indian National Congress.

The flag has 3 equal horizontal bars; orange, white and green with a blue Dharma Chakra (the wheel of law) in the centre. The wheel has 24 spokes which represents the 24 hours in a day. At the end of each spoke is a dark blue half moon. The orange or deep saffron symbolises courage and sacrifice (saffron is the sacred colour of Hinduism). The white stands for peace, unity and truth. The green stands for fertility although it originally symbolised Islam. The blue symbolises the sky and the ocean.

The Flag was designed by Pingali Venkayya. The official specifications require that the flag be made only of "khadi," a special type of hand spun yarn. The display and use of are strictly enforced by the Indian Flag Code. The flag is also the Indian Army's war flag, hoisted daily on military installations.

In the last newsletter we did a feature on the Taj Mahal. The origin of India's most famous monument is under dispute and there is a theory that it was originally a Shiva Temple and "hijacked" by Shah Jahan to use as a monument for his deceased wife, Mumtaz.

To find out more about this theory, visit:

www.hindunet.org/hindu_history/modern/taj_oak.html