



hindu samaj (swindon)

Representing Hindu Faith, Community & Culture Partners in Building & Promoting Community Cohesion



Charity Registration No. 1108534

Newsletter 2016 (September onwards)

Sports Day (Sunday 25th September)

Hindu Samaj is delighted to organize Sports Day this year. Sports included are badminton, table tennis, squash, netball, football and few more will be added once the feasibility is confirmed. Limited places are available. So hurry up and register your interest as soon as possible by sending an email to Nishbhai at hindusamajswindon@hotmail.co.uk with your name and sport you want to participate. Kindly note that we have already received a lot of registrations and we will close the registrations on Sunday, September 18th.

| Venue | Date & Time |
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| Croft Sports Centre, Marlborough Lane Swindon, SN3 1RA | Sunday 25 th September. Start time is 10:30 AM and it is a whole day event. |



Navratri (festival starts from Saturday 1st October to Sunday 9th October)

Festival starts from Saturday 1st of October but we will start celebration **from Sunday 2nd of October** due to unavailability of venue.

| Venue | Celebration Dates & Time |
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| Punjabi Community Centre, Kembrey Street, Swindon SN2 8AZ | <p>Sunday 2nd October to Sunday 9th October</p> <p>On Sun 2nd, Mon 3rd, Tue 4th, Wed 5th, Thurs 6th & Sun 9th of Oct celebration is from 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm.</p> <p>On Friday 7th & Saturday 8th of Oct celebration is from 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm.</p> <p>Aarti is at 9 pm on all days.</p> |



Annual General Meeting (AGM) (Thursday 6th October)

The Annual General Meeting will be held during the Navratri celebrations on Thursday 6th October 2016 at Punjabi Community Centre, Kembrey Street, Swindon SN2 8AZ. The agenda for AGM will be as follows:

- Welcome
- Minutes of the last meeting and approval
- Annual report & Accounts
- Proposal from the HS committee to discontinue with the HS building project
- AOB

Like previous year entry to Navratri venue will strictly be **ticketed** on Friday 7th of October and Saturday 8th of October as per following details -

| HSS members | Non-member family | Non-member individual (over 15) |
|-------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| Free | £5 | £2 |

Hindu Samaj Membership

Members are requested to renew their membership for the next year. The management committee has agreed to keep the Samaj annual membership separate to the Diwali dinner which is a **ticketed** event to address the issue of numbers attending/catering provision. Everyone wanting to attend Diwali dinner will have to buy a ticket with members given priority on first come first serve allocation basis. Samaj membership costs will be same as last year. Membership cost for a family will be **£20**. Membership cost per person is **£10**. Membership can be renewed in two ways -

- By paying at the desk during Navratri. Cash payment will be acceptable.
- By paying online to the samaj account sortcode 09-01-54, account number 62343480 and then sending email to hindusamajswindon@hotmail.co.uk mentioning the name of members for whom the membership is renewed.

*****Last day for membership renewal will be 31st of October 2016 *****

Diwali Cultural Evening & New Year (Saturday 5th of November)

Diwali or Deepavali is the "festival of lights". The festival spiritually signifies the victory of light over darkness. So please join us for an unforgettable night of cultural events, authentic food, music and dancing. This year also it is a **per person** ticketed event which can be booked along with the membership renewal. **On the spot entry will not be acceptable**. Ticket prices are as follows –

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|---|--|
| HSS Members per person (over 5) - £5 | Non Members per person (over 5) – £15 |
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| <u>Venue</u> | <u>Date & Time</u> |
|---|---|
| Punjabi Community Centre, Kembrey Street, Swindon SN2 8AZ | Saturday 5th November 2016 from 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm. Dinner will be served at around 7:30 pm. |



Music Workshop

This is to inform Samaj members that the Music workshop is going very well. We are having regular practice sessions every fortnight at Hindu Temple and Cultural Center. This initiative has helped us to identify new talent. We are encouraging new talent and with regular practice sessions they will be ready to perform. Those who are interested can still contact Pratikbhai at pratik_m_patel@hotmail.com.



SAPAC (South Asian Performing Arts Centre)

The centre of Indian music and dance opens in Swindon from October 2016. It will offer regular classes in the following areas to achieve qualifications to the recognised standards in the UK and abroad.

- Tabla, Harmonium, Sitar, Violin
- Vocal
- Kathak and Bharat Natyam dances

Teaching will be by experienced and professional teachers. Please register your interest as soon as possible by calling 07808648829 or emailing Indu Sharma by visiting www.sapac.co.uk.

Swindon Hindu Temple and Cultural Centre

Our members are kindly informed that a new Hindu Temple and Cultural Centre is open in Swindon. Swindon Hindu Temple Trust is managing the temple and the activities in the temple. Following is the address of the temple and cultural centre –

103, Darby Close, Cheney Manor Industrial Estate, Swindon, SN2 2PW

Members who wish to go to the temple, offer prayers, give donation, attend regular bhajans, cultural and religious events or wish to attend any of the ongoing classes can do so by checking the updated information at <http://www.swindonhindutemple.org.uk/> or by contacting Pradeepji over phone at +44 (0)7725 582624 or by emailing info@swindonhindutemple.com.

Swindon Ladies Group

This is to inform our Samaj members that a ladies group started on 15th September under the umbrella of Hindu Samaj Swindon. It is run every Thursday from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at the central community centre, Emlyn square, Swindon. For further information please contact Sarlaben Lakhani on 01793 520520 or Nitaben Hadani on 01793 495672.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT (2015-2016)

(The current committee members are: Meenaben Ladwa (Chairperson), Sushmaben Patel (Vice Chairperson), Nareshbhai Agarwal (Secretary), Khyatiben Bailey (Vice Secretary), Kalpeshbhai Patel (Treasurer), Munishbhai Bansal (Vice Treasurer), Rambhai Karavadra, Dineshbhai Patel, Vijaybhai Munro, Kalpanaben Tanna, Kamlaben Ladwa, Ashishbhai Channawar, Akshatbhai Sharma, Lokendrabhai Sharma, Siddharthbhai Patel, Pratikbhai Patel and Nishbhai Patel.)

Namaste Dear members

It is that time of the year for our festive season with Navratri, Diwali and New Year celebration in October/November 2016. It is also the time of year when we have our AGM for the mid-term of the two year term of office management committee of Hindu Samaj Swindon (HS). Over the years we have seen some changes but during the last few years we have seen some major changes in the population and demographics in Swindon and the UK. Other major changes affecting Hindu Samaj Swindon were:

- a) Location venue for Navratri moved as the Link centre was no longer available.
- b) Since April 2016 the Swindon Hindu Temple and Cultural centre has been established in Cheney Manor by the Swindon Temple Trust (Temple Trust).
- c) HS were already been working closely with the Temple Trust to jointly organise our religious events as the joint events were likely to be more successful than two similar events happening at the same time in the town.

The Swindon Temple now provides for most of the religious events in which HS committee and our membership can participate. During the year we jointly celebrated Mahashivratri, Ramnavmi Hanuman Jayanti and Krishna Janmashthmi. To get the Temple facilities going, HS committee encouraged volunteer support and approved for funds to purchase furniture. Thereafter the Temple also received some additional furniture from the local enterprises. Slowly the Swindon Hindu Temple and Cultural Centre is taking shape and HS members are most welcome to participate in the activity at the centre. Over the last two years HS building project was put on hold while the Temple trust pursued its objective. Now that the Swindon Hindu Temple and Community Centre is established, the recommendation and proposal from the HS committee is to discontinue with the HS building project. This decision has to be ratified at the AGM. We would like to thank all those who supported our building project.

HS management committee has decided to continue representing it's members and also continue with the social and Hindu faith related activities. We will continue holding joint religious events and celebrations at the Temple to avoid duplication. Apart from the joint Hindu festival celebrations above, HS management committee also organized Maya-Deepak musical evening, Holi celebrations and BBQ-Picnic. This year's Sports day is at the Croft Sports centre, Navratri and Diwali celebrations are at the PCC for the membership. Mitra Milan (senior ladies), Young Citizen's (man's) group and soon a similar ladies group continue under each group's self-managed bases. Members are requested to join these group's activity. We also provide representation on SACRE at the SBC and training support for the police recruits and local schools through Inter-faith activity. The revised membership fees and members contribution for some of the social activities will continue. Current bank interest rates are at all time low and that will affect our future revenue. See below our annual accounts status. The management committee would like to thank all the volunteers for their continued support throughout the year.

On behalf of the Management committee of Hindu Samaj – Swindon

CONTACT US

Newsletter printing and postage is expensive and time consuming. You can receive more regular information through samaj group-emails. Please note this is a controlled email for member's information only. You can join this group-email by request only. Samaj event information is also available on facebook page and samaj website.

For registering, email updates and queries please contact - hindusamajswindon@hotmail.co.uk

Facebook group

- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/swindonhindusamaj/>

Website

- <http://www.hindusamajswindon.co.uk/>

HINDU SAMAJ SWINDON

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

for the year ended 31 July 2016

**Awaiting Independent
Review**

| | <u>General</u> <u>Fund £'s</u> | <u>Reserve</u> <u>Fund £'s</u> | <u>2015-16</u> <u>£'s</u> | <u>2014-15</u> <u>£'s</u> |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Incoming resources | | | | |
| <i>Charitable Activities</i> | | | | |
| Members contributions and Donations | 1,874 | | 1,874 | 2,842 |
| Membership Fees | 6,642 | | 6,642 | 5,824 |
| <i>Generated Funds</i> | | | | |
| Other income | 361 | | 361 | 1,673 |
| Bank interest | 16 | 981 | 997 | 805 |
| Total incoming resources | 8,893 | 981 | 9,874 | 11,145 |
| Resources expended | | | | |
| <i>Charitable expenditure</i> | | | | |
| Youth Development & Wellbeing | 100 | | 100 | 1,022 |
| Community Engagement & Recreation Activity | - | | - | 659 |
| Festival Celebrations | 2,036 | | 2,036 | 1,408 |
| Cultural & Social Activity | 5,439 | | 5,439 | 5,340 |
| Charitable Causes: Swindon Temple Trust & Saraswati Puja | 1,018 | | 1,018 | 2,356 |
| <i>Governance costs</i> | | | | |
| Sundry costs - Postage, Insurance, PA system, Website related | 730 | | 730 | 1,072 |
| Total resources expended | 9,323 | - | 9,323 | 11,858 |
| Transfers between funds | - | - | - | |
| Net income for the year/Net movement in funds | (430) | 981 | 551 | (713) |
| Fund balances brought forward | 9,016 | 47,699 | 56,715 | 57,428 |
| Fund balances carried forward | 8,586 | 48,680 | 57,266 | 56,715 |

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 July 2016

| | <u>2015-16</u> | | <u>2014-15</u> | |
|---|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| | <u>£'s</u> | <u>£'s</u> | <u>£'s</u> | <u>£'s</u> |
| Current assets | | | | |
| Cash in hand | 60 | | - | |
| Bank current account | 10,029 | | 10,519 | |
| Bank reserve account | 48,680 | | 47,699 | |
| | 58,769 | | 58,218 | |
| Creditors: Donation Received for Building Projects | (1,503) | | (1,503) | |
| Net current assets | | 57,266 | | 56,715 |
| Net assets | | 57,266 | | 56,715 |
| Unrestricted funds | | | | |
| General fund | | 8,586 | | 9,016 |
| Reserve fund | | 48,680 | | 47,699 |
| | | 57,266 | | 56,715 |

| | <u>2015-16</u> | <u>2014-15</u> |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Monies held on behalf of Mitra Milan as at 7 July 2016 | 1,526 | - |

Donations & Pledges for Building Project

Donations in lieu of Pledges for Building Project are ring-fenced as the monies are refundable if the Project does not go-ahead.

| | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Donations received to date for the Building Project | 1,503 | 1,503 |
| Pledges received to date for the Building Project | 62,711 | 62,711 |
| Total Pledges for funding for Building Project | 64,214 | 64,214 |