



# hindu samaj (swindon)

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



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## Newsletter 2016

### Mahashivratri (festival date is Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016)

Maha Shivaratri is celebrated annually in reverence of the god Shiva. It is the day Lord Shiva was married to maa Parvati. Maha Shivaratri marks the convergence of Shiva and Shakti. Maha shivratri will be celebrated jointly by HINDU SAMAJ SWINDON, SWINDON HINDU TEMPLE TRUST (SHTT) & SWINDON TAMIL ASSOCIATION (STA) on the actual festival date as per the following details.



Venue	Celebration Date & Time
Walcot Dome Burghley Close, Walcot Swindon, SN3 3BS	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> March, 6:30pm – 9:00pm

### Holi (festival date is Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016)

Holi is known as the festival of colors. HINDU SAMAJ SWINDON will celebrate Holika dahan followed by a fun-filled and colorful Holi celebration at Punjabi Community Centre. Because of unavailability of the venue, we will celebrate Holi one day before the actual festival day.

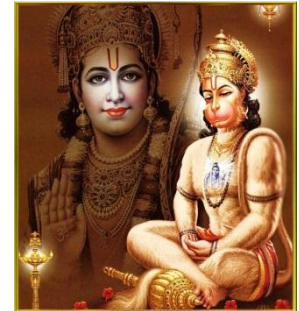


Venue	Celebration Date & Time
Punjabi Community Centre, Kembrey Street, Swindon SN2 8AZ	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

### Ram Navami (festival date is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April) &

### Hanuman Jayanti (festival date is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April)

HINDU SAMAJ SWINDON, SWINDON HINDU TEMPLE TRUST & SWINDON TAMIL ASSOCIATION will jointly organize Ram Navami and Hanuman Jayanti celebration. Both the festivals are a week apart so it has been decided to celebrate both on a single day as per the details below.



Ram Navami is celebrating the birth of the god Rama in Ayodhya. Rama, the seventh avatar of Vishnu, is one of the oldest avatars of Lord Vishnu having a human form. Hanuman Jayanti is celebrated to commemorate the birth of Hanuman. Hanuman is the symbol of strength and energy. Hanuman is an ardent devotee of Lord Rama.

Venue	Celebration Date & Time
Park South Community Centre, Cranmore Avenue, Park South, Swindon, SN3 2ER	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> April, 3pm – 7pm

### Krishna Janmashtami (festival date is Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> of August)

Janmashtami is an annual celebration of the birth of the deity Krishna, the eighth avatar of Vishnu. We will jointly celebrate Janmashtami this year with SWINDON HINDU TEMPLE TRUST & SWINDON TAMIL ASSOCIATION.



Venue	Celebration Date & Time
Punjabi Community Centre, Kembrey Street, Swindon SN2 8AZ	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> August, 6:30 pm onwards

### Sports Day

As continued efforts by the committee to organize variety of interesting events, we are delighted to inform you that we are organizing 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 [thepatelson@hotmail.com](mailto:thepatelson@hotmail.com) with your name and sport you want to participate.



<b>Venue</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>
Croft Sports Centre, Marlborough Lane Swindon, SN3 1RA	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> September, whole day event

### Navratri (festival starts from Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October)

Navratri is a festival dedicated to the worship of the deity Durga. The word Navaratri means 'nine nights' in Sanskrit, nava meaning nine and ratri meaning nights. During these nine nights and ten days, nine forms of Shakti/Devi are worshiped. Though the actual festival starts from Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> of October, we will start celebration from Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> of October due to unavailability of venue.



<b>Venue</b>	<b>Celebration Dates</b>
Punjabi Community Centre, Kembrey Street, Swindon SN2 8AZ	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October to Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> October

### Music Workshop for Members

We have invited interests from Samaj members who have keen interest in music - either in singing or who can play any musical instrument. This initiative has generated a lot of interest from many talented people. This is progressing very well and since we have received enough interest we have decided to arrange a regular meeting for the workshop. Those who are interested can contact Pratikbhai at [pratik\\_m\\_patel@hotmail.com](mailto:pratik_m_patel@hotmail.com).



### SWINDON MELA (Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2016)

We are delighted to inform that Swindon Mela will be resumed this year and we are working with Mela team to make it a success. Volunteers are needed to make this mela a big success. We appeal our Samaj members to come forward and contribute. Interested people to volunteer can contact Kamlaben Ladwa at [kamlaladwa@googlemail.com](mailto:kamlaladwa@googlemail.com). More details of Mela are available: <http://www.swindonmela.com/mela/>.

### 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](mailto:hindusamajswindon@hotmail.co.uk)  
 Facebook group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/swindonhindusamaj/>  
 Website - <http://www.hindusamajswindon.co.uk/>

### EVENTS UNDER CONSIDERATION

- Theme Park Day
- Picnic and BBQ (July)
- Diwali & Hindu New Year's celebration (November)

### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The current committee members and office bearers 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 Nishitbhai Patel. HINDU SAMAJ SWINDON management committee welcomes its new members Kalpeshbhai Patel, Siddharthbhai Patel, Pratikbhai Patel and Nishitbhai Patel. HINDU SAMAJ SWINDON committee appeals its members to join the management committee to organize its events.