

NAAC Newsletter - August 2009



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We here at NAAC hope that you are thoroughly enjoying our "gorgeous", "scorching" and a totally washout British Summer!!!!!! Weather permitting (or inspite of it), we all look forward to the summer as it tends to be a sociable time when friends and family gather together and enjoy relaxing times around the barbeque in the garden, go on holiday, at weddings or parties. We hope that you were at least able to do some, if not all of the above and also enjoyed all the recent events — the Mehfiles, Riverside Festival, Splendour and not forgetting a trip to our very own beach in the Old Market Square!

Planning for the Diwali & Eid Gala events has begun and we welcome any suggestions or ideas. Volunteers will also be required so please register your interest & let us know if you would like to join the planning sub-committees. Drop us a line or call us at the office...We are also reviewing all the NAAC workshops with our partners and funders and will keep you updated on the changes and new workshops...Watch this space...

Happy Ramadhan (22/23 August) to all our Muslim brothers and sisters who will spend 30 days observing fast, praying and ask for forgiveness for past sins, for guidance and help in refraining from everyday evils, and to purify themselves through self-restraint and good deeds. Eid will be celebrated (around 20th September) to mark the end of Ramadhan.

Events Diary

- ◆ Nottingham Indian women are proud to present "Dhamaka of Nayae & Puraney Geet" in aid of local charities featuring dancing, live singing with a professional band, raffle and dinner on **Saturday 29th August 2009 from 6.00pm to 11.00pm at Keyworth Village Hall**, Elm Avenue, Keyworth, Nottingham NG12 5AN. Tickets cost £10.99 and to purchase them or for more information, contact:
Kusum — 07817 148 087 or 07980 699 342, Jit — 07896 486 505, Rita — 07779 303 506 (evenings only) or NAAC — 07968 480 796
- ◆ "Festival" 2009 — A community festival with a Polish flavour to be held on **Sunday 30th August 2009 at the Forest Recreation Ground, Nottingham from 12.00 noon to 6.00pm**. There will be lots of children's activities, sports zone, stalls, etc. A fun day — not to be missed...
- ◆ **Grand Kavi Darbar** with poets and scholars of International recognition from U.K & Punjab, to be held on the **5th of September 2009** at the Indian Community Centre Association, 2:00pm to 7:30pm. For further information, contact the ICCA on 0115 9693402, Santokh Dhaliwal on 07733253326 or Dyal Basi on 07790231195. **Free Entry!!!**

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Forthcoming Events...

- ◆ Village India & Experience Gujarat
- ◆ Ramadhan
- ◆ Eid
- ◆ Navratri
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- ◆ Remembering Nusrat
- ◆ Robin Hood Pageant
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- ◆ Bonfire Night
- ◆ Diwali Gala

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Village India & Experience Gujarat

The Biggest Gujarati Party to celebrate Swarnim Gujarat 50 year golden jubilee celebration is happening in the UK at **Leicester's De Montfort hall and Gardens from 10th-13th of September 2009.**

Village India and Experience Gujarat festival promises to be the quite something, with an amazing line up of artists from Gujarat and the UK such as Ashit Desai, Hemant Chauhan, Gaurang Vyas, Saumil Munshi and Aishwariya Mujumdar and many more performing throughout the weekend.



and huts within a specially made Indian village environment in the gardens.

The festival is split into two sections — Village India is to be held in De Montfort gardens, while Experience Gujarat is held in the main De Montfort auditorium. Experience Gujarat is a program of concerts with a wide range of specially produced themes covering everything from Gujarati wit and humour **Haso Nahin To Mara Sam...** which has sharp

great Shri Avinash Vyas in **Avinashi Avinash**, timeless tunes from Gujarati theatre in **Rangbhoomi Ni Sangbhoomi** amongst others. There is even a special concert produced for children called **Meghdhanoosh**. The line up of artists is sure to be a unique treat with music and dance concerts, traditional village with artisans, chai tents, a special educational discovery zone with music and dance workshops, a trade show featuring high quality companies from India to give an extra unique shopping experience, lots of delicious food, arts and crafts, an India Bazaar and much more!

"For the Punjab Experience — there will be performances by Panjabi MC, Jazzy B, Tigerstyle, Bobby Friction, Sukhshinder Shinda and many more..."

For more information visit www.senseexperience.co.uk
www.senseworldmusic.com

There will also be artisans in traditional costume working inside traditional workshops

and hilarious observations on life coupled with vivid colours of verse; to Bhajans **Bhajan Ej Swajan**, a special tribute to the

Tickets are available now at www.demontforhall.co.uk
Box Office **0116 233 3111**

Navratri — Festival of Dance

What is Navratri? Navratri means Nine (Nav) Nights (Ratri). It is when Hindus thank the female principle of nature and the goddesses connected to them — Parvati, Lakshmi and Sarasvati. The nine nights are there for us to revel in the knowledge of the goddesses that live within us, imbibing us with their spiritual energy and power. Used for the good, they help liberate us from the mire of this world. The mood of Navratri is very colourful & unique and is a festival of pure happiness and one of the most auspicious occasions. People enjoy the nine nights by dancing away doing the Raas Garba. So get those dancing shoes ready and keep these dates free in your diary!!! This years' Navratri Festival by Gujarat Samaj Nottingham will be held at the **new venue, The Indian Community Centre Accociation (ICCA), 99 Hucknall Road, Nottingham NG5 1QZ, September 19th 2009 until 27th September 2009 from 7.30pm till late** so please come early to make the most of each night. There will be live music by famous group from India playing and singing all your famous tunes. Vegetarian food will be on sale each evening at a very low price. This event is very popular and entry passes for the whole event can be bought in advance to save you money and waiting in the queues. For further details contact Kumar Seth on 07949220154 or Has Mukh Mistry on 07946643403..... Enjoy Navratri.....



More Events...



Nottingham Goose Fair — Over 500 attractions await fair-goers, from the latest white knuckle experiences, family rides and favourites including waltzers, carousels and Hook-a-Duck, **30 September to 3 October 2009, Forest Recreation Ground**. With more than 700 years of history, Nottingham Goose Fair is one of Europe's most famous travelling fairs, and is still a fantastic event to delight all ages. Come along and experience the dazzling array of sights and sounds, and tuck into the local speciality of mushy peas and mint sauce or food from around the world. As always, admission to the ground is FREE! For more information and to find out about trading opportunities, log onto www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/goosefair.

Nottingham Camra Beer Festival—The 2nd Robin Hood Beer Festival will be from the 8th to 11th October 2009 with Indian food stalls as well this year. Held again under canvas at the Nottingham Castle Ground, it is expected to be even bigger and better than last years fantastic success.



[Remembering Nusrat — A Tribute to Ustad Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan](#)



This autumn the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra teams up with Ustad Rahat Fateh Ali Khan & group to pay tribute to one of the world's greatest vocalists, Ustad Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan. Ambitiously, this project fuses Nusrat's most loved compositions with the full force of the orchestra performing qawwali classics like *Dum Must Qalander* and *Yeh Jo Halka Halka*, to stirring love songs like *Afreen Afreen*, *Piya Re Piya Re* and popular Bollywood songs like *Zindagi Jhoom Kar* and *TereBin*. Expect to be astonished by some incredible vocals set against a powerful, hypnotic orchestral backdrop. **Please note there will be a 10% discount for NAAC members—so get your membership renewed...**

Sat 3rd October 2009 at 7.30pm, Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham, Ticket Price: £25 - £45

Box Office: 0115 989 5555 www.royalcentre-nottingham.co.uk

Presented by SAREGAMA—a concert not to be missed...



Robin Hood Pageant - 24 & 25 October 2009. An exhilarating family event where you can relive the life and times of Robin Hood at the ancestral home of his arch enemy, the Sheriff of Nottingham. The event features live jousting, a replica medieval village encampment, a medieval ale house, craft stalls and activities, living history demonstrations, falconry displays, musicians, entertainers and more.

Snatam Kaur, a popular new age artist nominated for a Grammy award, will be performing spiritual music with Western arrangements on the **25th October 2009, at Djanogly Academy, Nottingham**. Her concerts have been a sell out throughout the world. For more information call Arti Ghattaora on 07950 775339 or Kay Dhesi on 07970978093 or visit www.snatamkaur.com.

Bonfire Night — Free Event by NCC on **5th November** at the Forest Recreation Ground. A great evening out for all the family with fair ground rides from 5.30pm, children's firework display at 7.15pm, bonfire lit at 7.45pm and a grand firework finale at 9.00pm!



Diwali Gala – Saturday 21st November 2009 at the Royal Concert Hall, 6.30pm for 7.00pm

Tickets – £6.00 (NAAC members & concessions) £8.00 (Non members)



The lighting of the Diva (Lamp) at the Gala on the 21st of November will commence the NAAC's highlight of the year. Preparations are already underway for this prestigious event, the showcase of all our workshops, hard work by the directors, choreographers and of course all the talented youngsters and older people!! It is an opportunity to come and support our talented young people, enjoy a diverse range of music and dance items and see high calibre national artists. The Gala gives our youngsters a chance to show to us what they have been learning all year, and for the parents it is a satisfaction that all the running around after school – ferrying the children to and fro classes – has not gone to waste! Based on feedback from the last Gala, we will try to change the program to involve more young people and reflect their values and views. We still have a few DVD's of last years' Gala available at £6.00, let us know if you'd like one. Please also let us know if you can help in any way by joining the Diwali Gala sub-committee.

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Nottingham's Mela celebrations a huge success!

Mela 21 - Despite the rain, Nottingham's Mela celebrations on Sunday 7th June were hailed as a huge success after almost 7,000 revellers flocked to see performers and acts at this year's event, including the Indian Cricket Team and Ricky Ponting! The Mela was an important event for Nottingham and its people, and we're extremely happy that so many local people and organisations have been able to participate in it. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our visitors and volunteers for coming along and making Mela 21 the success it has been.



Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust - Annual Public Meeting

The Annual Public Meeting for Nottingham's hospitals – Queen's Medical Centre and City Hospital – is being held on Wednesday 9 September, and everyone is invited to attend.

Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust is holding its APM at the **Cityside Restaurant, City Hospital campus between 5-7.30pm.**

There will be a chance to look around the informative and interactive displays on topics such as healthy living and a chance to become a member of Nottingham's hospitals. Other marketplace stalls this year will include a 'live' **cooking demonstration by the Trust's international award winning chefs, blood glucose testing, and hand massages.**

From 6pm, there will be various presentations, including patient diaries. Chief Executive Dr Peter Homa and Chairman Dr Peter Barrett will look back over the past year and celebrate some of the Trust's achievements and successes. There will be presentations on same-sex accommodation and a chance to hear more about the Trust's priorities for the year ahead.

The Trust would be delighted if you are able to come along to the APM. To confirm your attendance or for more information please contact the Trust's Communications Team on 0115 9249924 ext 63562 or e-mail nuhcommunications@nuh.nhs.uk by **4 September**. Please also let them know if you have any special requirements.

Finally, remember to renew your NAAC membership...and log onto www.asianarts.org.uk for all the latest happenings in and around Nottinghamshire, our website is updated regularly so log on and keep up with all the latest...

Till next time enjoy, smile and cherish all the things you have... And ...

For the rest of the summer – have loads of fun and when it rains, play in that too...