

Newsletter — June 2009

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Forthcoming Events — Not to be missed...

Nottingham Mela 2009 7th June @ Old Market Square

Mehfil Nite 25th June @ The Viceroy

Welcome to our Summer newsletter edition. Hope you've enjoyed what we've brought for you so far and thanks for supporting all our events. We have had some very positive feedback from our members who attended our events — Thank You — the best is yet to come! A quick recap...

Mehfil Nites — What a success...all three events were sold out...We received numerous e-mails and phonecalls from people telling us how successful they thought the mehfiles were. Due to popular demand, we have decided to continue with the mehfiles for the next three months, on the last Thursday of the month, so please book your tickets in advance so as not to be disappointed.

It was also very welcoming to hear that those of you who attended "**Ghazal Ka Safar**" said that it was absolutely brilliant. Conceived as a show which revisited the evolution of this form of poetry and recalled some popular master pieces through live rendition on stage. It was a nostalgic trip for those who have savoured the poetry of the subcontinent through various recorded versions and recognised the contribution of Ghazals from Hindi films.

Nottingham Riviera...



There'll be plenty of fun in the sun this summer holiday as the Old Market Square is transformed into the Nottingham Riviera...From 22 July to 5 September Nottingham City Council and the Mellors Group are bringing the seaside to Nottingham!

Three hundred tons of sand will transform the Old Market Square into a seaside playground, complete with Nottingham rock, beach cafes, bucket and spades stalls, flags, bunting and fairground rides.

A large paddling pool will complement the Square's water feature and there will be tables, deck chairs and sun loungers along a Long Row promenade that will seat around 200 people.

Plus there will be an exciting programme of FREE events and entertainment taking place each day, making this is the perfect place to keep children (and adults!) busy over the break. Look out for Punch and Judy Shows, competitions, sports events and music.

Other attractions will include crazy golf, helter skelter, bungee trampoline, inflatable slide, carousel, etc. Nottingham Riviera will open daily from 10am until 10pm, providing free beach fun for the family during the day with late afternoon and evening relaxation for city workers, commuters and the cool night time crowd.

Events Diary

Nottingham Mela 2009 — 7th June 2009 Old Market Square — 12.30 to 7.00pm

Come and experience the best of Asian culture, history and entertainment at this years Nottingham Mela at the Old Market Square. Mela, a Sanskrit word meaning 'gathering', 'to meet' or a Fair, is used in the Indian Subcontinent for all sizes of gathering be it religious, commercial, cultural or sports. Every summer thousands of people from different cultures come together to attend Melas throughout the UK. Melas provide a unique opportunity to celebrate all aspects of Asian history and cultural heritage and are a major showcase for everything from music – classical to bhangra - the best of Bollywood, fashion, food and culture.

This year the Nottingham Mela returns for a very special event in its 21st year since launch, with celebrations set to take place on Sunday 7th June at Old Market Square & Royal Centre, in the city where it all began - Nottingham”...

Performances will take place at Old Market Square's Main Stage and Fountain Arena, hosted by award-winning DJ's Adil Ray, Niki Bedi, Sonny Ji and DJ Kayper from the BBC Asian Network. The Royal Centre Stage will highlight the best of local talent from Nottinghamshire, whilst Anish Kapoor's Sky Mirror will host special dance performances at Nottingham Playhouse. The site in Old Market Square will also host many speciality stalls selling Asian arts, textiles, music, henna painting and freshly prepared Indian food — our very own Mela Bazaar...

This year's Mela has a great line up led by iconic Bhangra superstar **Jazzy B** and **Jaz Dhami**, Ghazal soulstress **Najma Akhtar** (who performed at the 1st Mela), South Asian dance impresario's **Akademi** with their latest production - *Initium*, Brit-Asian music genius **Niraj Chag**, and all the way from India especially for Mela 21, Gujarati folk dancers **Vasuki Sanskrutik**. **A splendid line-up...**

And for the health conscious... there will be free health checks on offer...

Dr Hemant Bagalkote, Chair of Nottingham Asian Arts Council commented: *"We are extremely happy to bring Nottingham Mela to the people of Nottingham once again. Community interaction is the essence of Mela, and hence it's imperative that the local community get involved each year. Nottingham Mela has continually brought together young South Asian artists and visitors from around the country in an environment of creativity, tolerance and respect. The event has always provided a unique opportunity to experience and partake in a weekend of live performances, interactive workshops and something slightly different. We look forward to seeing you at Mela 21!"*

Skinder Hundal, Chief Executive of New Art Exchange stated:

"From dancing Gods to Bhangra-folk beats, Nottingham Mela is back with a bang this year, showcasing the very best of Asian Arts, Bollywood, Bhangra, Dance, Pop, R'n'B, Qawwali and Fusion. The Mela scene started off in Nottingham and Bradford over two decades back, and has since enjoyed huge success all over the UK. This year we bring it back to where it all started - Nottingham, for a very special gathering to celebrate 21 years of Mela in the UK."

**The biggest names in Brit-Asian entertainment
get ready to rock Nottingham!**

This year's Nottingham Mela is bursting with entertainment - it's gonna be fun, funky and best of all...it's free.



Mela brought to you by NAAC, NAE, NCC and the NDC. Thanks to our funders & sponsors...



Life is a Mela... "When it gets too hard to stand, try kneeling... and remember—you will reach the top, just keep climbing..."

Mehfil Nites with Live Music, Thursday 28th May 2009 at The Viceroy Restaurant, 1st Floor, Hillcrest House, 326 - 330 Hucknall Road, Sherwood, Nottingham NG5 1FS (8.00 for 8.30pm)

After the success of our last three mehfil nites, we are pleased to bring to you more mehfiles. Orchestra Navrang, from India will entertain you and perform all your favourite tunes and requests. Tickets are priced at £13.50 (NAAC Members) and £18.50 (Non-Members) which will include a buffet dinner by the Viceroy Restaurant. Tickets are available from the NAAC office (**01159158608 / 9158613 / 07968480796**) or The Viceroy (**0115 844 9116**). We hope to see you all there and please the dates of the next mehfiles in your diary — **Thursday 25th June 2009 and Thursday 30th July 2009. (Leaflet enclosed)...**

World Twenty20 England 2009

Nottingham will play host to the World's best cricketers when ICC World Twenty20 is co-hosted at Trent Bridge in June. England face Scotland in a prestigious warm-up fixture at Trent Bridge and the proper tournament begins with India facing Bangladesh on Saturday 6 June. Nottinghamshire interest in the tournament will be boosted by the prospect of **Ryan Sidebottom, Graeme Swann, Stuart Broad and Samit Patel** being selected for the England squad with batsman Adam Voges in the frame for Australia. Tickets for all tournament fixtures including nine match days at Trent Bridge are now on sale from www.icc-cricket.com and the ticket hotline 0844 847 2020.

Trent Bridge Tournament Fixtures:

Warm-Ups

Monday 1st June

1330-1630 - Australia v Bangladesh

1730-2030 - Pakistan v South Africa

Tuesday 2nd June

1330-1630 - Bangladesh v Sri Lanka

1730-2030 - England v Scotland

Group Stage

Saturday 6th June

1800-2100 – India v Bangladesh

Monday 8 June

1330–1630 – Ireland v Bangladesh

1730–2030 – Australia v Sri Lanka

Wednesday 10 June

1330-1630 – Sri Lanka v West Indies

1730-2030 – India v Ireland



Super Eights

Thursday 11 June

1330–1630 – New Zealand or Scotland

(D1) v Bangladesh or Ireland (A2)

1730–2030 – England or Netherlands (B2)

v South Africa or Scotland (D2)

Tuesday 16 June

1330-1630 – New Zealand or Scotland

(D1) v Sri Lanka or West Indies (C2)

1730-2030 – South Africa or Scotland (D2)

v India or Ireland (A1)

Semi-Finals

Thursday 18 June

1330-1630 – Women's Semi-Final –

Winner of Group A v Runner-up of Group B

1730-2030 – Men's Semi-Final –

Winner of Group E v Runner-up of Group F

Nottingham Caribbean Carnival



The Nottingham Caribbean Carnival comes to Nottingham on **4 - 5 July 2009**, with a feast of music, dancing and exotic food! Watch as the famous carnival parade winds its way through the city centre streets and down to the Forest, or wait for its arrival in the heart of the carnival as you enjoy Caribbean cuisine and music. Nottingham Caribbean Carnival is brought to you by Tuntum in association with Nottingham City Council and local partnership agencies giving you an extensive weekend of celebratory activities and events.

Splendour 2009

Visit the official website at <http://www.splendourfestival.com>. The original nutty boys Madness will be taking to the stage on **Sunday 19th July at Wollaton Park**. They'll be joined by Irish rebels The Pogues, Fun Lovin' Criminals, Imelda May, The Rifles, Kid British and Dog is Dead. Tickets for the festival are on sale now. They're available online at: www.gigantic.com www.alt-tickets.co.uk. They're also available at the Rock City box office and the Royal Centre box office.

MORE EVENTS...

Nottingham Riverside Festival 2009



Nottingham City Council proudly presents the annual three day Riverside Festival during the first weekend of August at Victoria Embankment on the beautiful banks of the River Trent. **Friday 31 July - Sunday 2 August 2009, Victoria Embankment**

The colourful and vibrant programme features live music, performance, children's arts zone and fairground attractions, as well as breathtaking fireworks on Saturday night.

Three stages offer live World and Roots music from local and national acts and there is always plenty to do for families with a fairground, arts zone, crafts and food markets, street theatre and a display of traditional Old Tyme Gallopers, Traction & Steam Engines and Old Tyme Organs.

Nottingham Children's Festival

The Nottingham Children's Festival comprises of two weeks of fun-packed events to keep your young ones busy over the summer break from 31 July - 16 August 2009 at various locations around Nottingham. This fantastic season will begin at the Riverside Festival's art zone, and feature lots of hands-on activities – many of which are free.



Village India & Experience Gujarat 2009

10th -13th September 2009 Demontfort Hall & Gardens, Leicester.

Celebrating 50 Years of Gujarat and the vibrant culture of India & the UK

'An event for the realization of mutual cultural greatness'

We would like to give thanks for the fantastic partnership and support of the Gujarat Government, their Vibrant Gujarat campaign and to the honourable Chief Minister Narendra Modi whose commitment and vision for the future of Gujarat has been lent to our event. We are also proud to be part of the Gujarat Government's Golden Jubilee Celebrations marking 50 years of Gujarat (Swarnim Gujarat). This festival has two distinct parts and Village India will be held in De Montfort Hall's gardens. It is a vibrant World Music and Dance festival with a spicy Indian flavour and is suitable for people across the whole community. The gardens will be transformed into a great place to relax, and enjoy a colourful festival environment. Village India is based around a traditional Indian village complete with huts, props and artisans in traditional costume. There will be loads of delicious food, arts and crafts, chai tents, chillout zones and 42 music and dance concerts across two stages throughout the weekend.

The line up for Village India has something for everyone - excellent folk and Indian classical music, the best in classical and Indo jazz fusion, Indian electronica, hottest DJs from the scene and BBC Radio 1, Bollywood, the best in Bhangra and much more!

Village India will also stage exciting traditional and contemporary Indian dance, including vibrant folk dances from Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Assam, Punjab and Gujarat. This will make a fantastic, entertaining and educational day out for the whole family.

Experience Gujarat takes place in De Montfort Hall's auditorium and is a real feast of entertainment for the Gujarati community. Some of the finest entertainers from the Indian region line up for nine specially-produced, themed concerts so check out the website for more information on what's on offer and to book tickets. There will be high demand for the limited seating for this part of the event so book early.

To find out more, check out the website now at: www.senseexperience.co.uk

Nottingham Goose Fair



Nottingham's Goose Fair takes place from **30 September to 3 October 2009, Forest Recreation Ground**. Over 500 attractions await fair-goers, from the latest white knuckle experiences, family rides and favourites including waltzers, carousels and Hook-a-Duck. 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 about Goose Fair, its history, opening times and location, to view the gallery of photos from previous years and to find out about trading opportunities, log onto www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/goosefair.

Please also make a note of these dates in your diary and we will keep you updated with more details:

- ◆ International Kavi Sammelan of Gitanjali Multilingual Literary Circle Trent will be held on Sunday 6th September 2009 in Nottingham
- ◆ Navratri Festival of Dance from Sunday 19th September 2009 to Monday 28th September 2009
- ◆ Diwali Gala – Saturday 21st November 2009 at the Royal Concert Hall

OPPORTUNITIES...

NAAC CAUX Conference — Switzerland

“Tools for Change – Learning to be peacemakers”, 9th to 15th August 2009

Initiatives for Change in partnership with Hope in the Cities and Nottingham Asian Arts Council would like to invite you to participate in an International Conference: “Tools for Change – Learning to be peacemakers” that is being held in Caux, Switzerland. Summary details of the conference are given below and more up to date, detailed information is available at <http://www.iofc.org/tools-for-change>. The aim of the conference is to bring together people from all walks of life, from around the world in a place where we can learn from each other by sharing our experiences, skills and cultures. For those that attend the conferences, we hope that they will commit themselves to participate in voluntary activity with a local voluntary organisation or at least share their experience and learning with others. The cost of the conference is £548 (adult) and £400 (student). However, we have eight bursaries of £250 each that are available on a first come, first served basis to students and the unwaged by completing the attached bursary form. We are also planning to undertake fund raising activities to raise funds that will help participants to further bring down their contribution. All participants are expected to assist in the fundraising.



Accommodation	£360	£210
Flights (est.)	£125	£125
Rail fare	£45	£45
Insurance (est.)	£20	£20
Bursary	-£250	-£250
Individual contribution	£300	£150

We need to make final arrangements by the end of May, as air fares continually increase. If you really want to attend the conference, you should contact us by the 30th May 2009 with a completed bursary form, and a non refundable deposit of £50. Participants who do not have a valid British passport will have to apply for a Swiss visa six weeks before the conference date. Please contact any of us for further details.

Richard Hawthorne on 0115 9625335 or email richardhawthorne@ntl.com

Raj Sharma on 0115 9141761, 07841 726822 or email raj.sharma@nottscc.gov.uk

Samira Basheer on 0115 95865151 or email sbasheer@nottsrec.com

YOGA Classes — After Yoga training in India Yoga classes have started again every Tuesday 6.00pm till 7.30pm at Raja Saheb Temple on the corner of Mansfield Road / Villa Road Nottingham NG3 4GG and every Saturday 9.00am till 10.30am. For further information please contact Mr Sohal 07803149781 or email Doctoryoga@Gmail.Com

CALLING ALL LADIES! - Bollywood and Bhangra Dance Classes

If you have always wanted to learn some Indian moves and have little or no experience, these classes are definitely for you. After a great volume of interest in our ladies classes, Niche Workshops have started a second class @ Djanogly Gregory Blvd (opposite the goose fair site) 7:30pm-8:30pm on Wednesday evenings.

£5.00 per session. Monthly promotional rates will become available to those that want to block book at a special rate of £20.00 for 5 sessions!

These classes have been extremely popular so bring any friends and family along that may be interested as places get booked up very quickly! Please be sure to book your place in advance as numbers are limited! Contact Nayeesh on 07972244515 or email nishy_b@hotmail.com

Achievements

England Breakthrough!

ICCA is delighted to announce that at the tender age of 12 1/2 yrs, **Anuj Dal** has been selected to the England U16s Indoor Cricket Squad. Having played in the National League Indoor games at the U19 level, Anuj was invited to attend the U16s trials held in March '09. His performance at the trials took the selectors by storm and led to his inclusion in the squad announcement made on 4 April. Anuj will now have the opportunity to be trained by an International coach over the next few months. If he continues to impress, Anuj has the opportunity to represent England at the **U16s Indoor Cricket World Cup** to be played in Australia in October '09.

Well Done Anuj!!!

Fund Raising

Helping the Needy...

- ◆ **Raise Money To Help Improve The Lives And Education Of Underprivileged Children In The Philippines** — Niki Ladwa is going to climb 3 volcanoes in the Philippines in November to Raise Money To Help Improve The Lives And Education Of Underprivileged Children In The Philippines. To sponsor him and to do YOUR BIT this year visit his sponsor page @ <http://www.justgiving.com/nikiladwa>
C'mon, Help A Brother Out who in turn is helping those less fortunate than us...
- ◆ **Race For Life** — Raina Sood, secretary of NAAC and some of her work colleagues are doing the Race for life next month in aid of cancer research. Please sponsor them if you can and tell your friends and family to do so aswell. It is worth it just to see Raina dressed up as a superhero in a pink costume!
www.raceforlife.org/nottinghamcitycouncil
- ◆ A Nottingham Youth helps to the proceeds for the **UK Cancer Research Charity Donation**— On Sunday 7th June 2009, Shivkinner Bhajan group are donating a cheque of £15,000 to the UK Cancer research Charity. This proceeds were generated by the sales of their 4th CD Bhakti Panth, which was sold at £5. The bhajan recitals will start at 2.00pm and is hosted at the Hindu Temple, St Barnabas Road, Leicester. All the youth members of the bhajan group are born in UK, and are under the age of 23 years. Nottingham's Anika Thakrar, a member from the NAAC, is the female vocalist with this group.
All are welcome to this event and for further information or donations please call 07734279115

NAAC Workshops

Music workshops (Vocal, Harmonium, Tabla) are held at Radford Unity Complex, Radford Road on Wednesday from 7.00 to 9.00pm for children and adults. Dance workshops are held at Radford Unity complex on Wednesday evening from 7.00 to 9.00pm for children. **For more information, please call Mrs Chandri Vora at 0115-9750275 / 07779158644.**

The Sikh Temple holds a Harmonium/Vocal Workshop on Wednesday evenings at 5.15 to 7.45pm and a Tabla Workshop held on Wednesday evenings at 5.45 to 7.15 pm at the Sikh Temple, 26 Nottingham Road, Nottingham. **For more information please contact Balraj Johal on 0115 9622132 or 07966538241.**

The Kala Niketan Hindi School holds Kathak Dance Workshops for Beginners/Intermediate and Advanced on Monday evenings 6.00 to 8.00pm at Queens Walk Community Centre, Meadows, Nottingham. One Classical Dance Workshop is held every Saturday 10.30am to 12.30pm and a Vocal Bhajan Workshop for Beginners at 1.15 to 2.15pm at the Hindu temple, 215 Carlton Road, Nottingham. **For more information, please call Mrs S. Mohindra on 0115-9131426 or 07944926889 or Vina Ladwa on 07957938043.**

Bhangra Workshops are held every Friday evenings from 4.45 to 7.45pm at Jesse Gray School, Musters Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham. **For more information please contact Ravinder Bilkhu on 07949036055.**



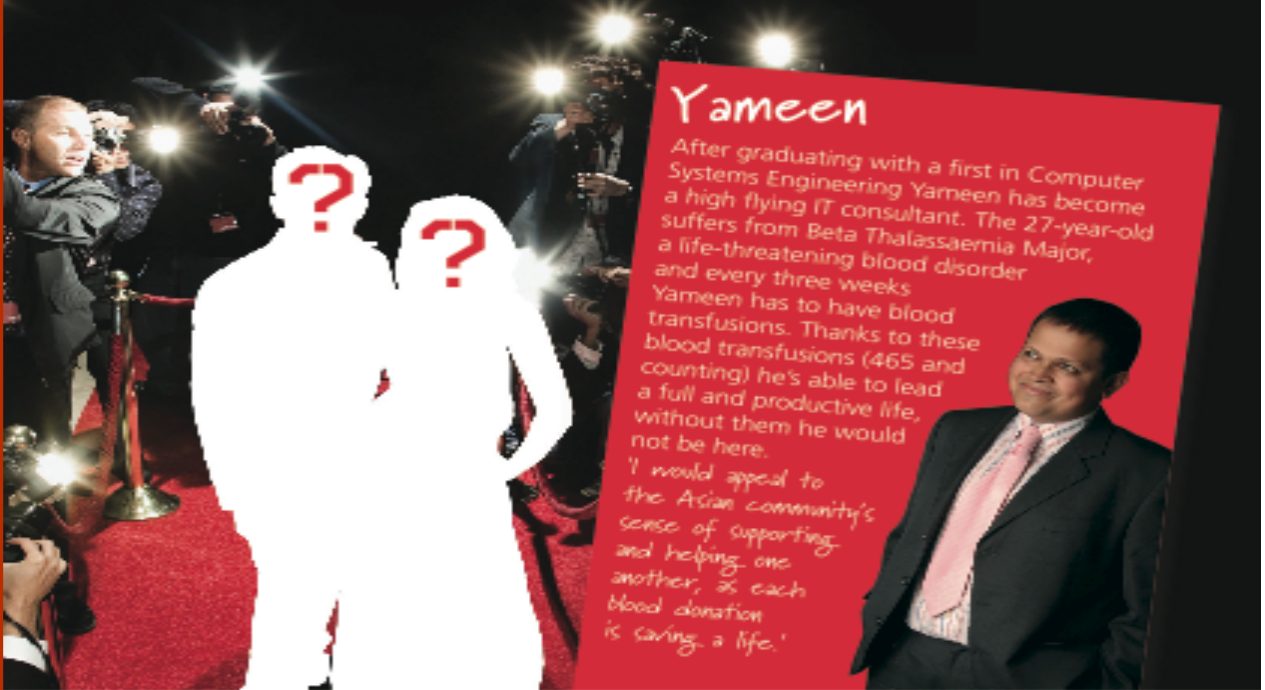
ARE YOU A VIP?

IF YOU ARE FROM THE UK SOUTH ASIAN COMMUNITY THEN THE ANSWER IS YES! YOU ARE A VERY IMPORTANT PERSON BECAUSE YOUR BLOOD IS SPECIAL AND NEEDED IN YOUR COMMUNITY. FULFILL YOUR VIP POTENTIAL, GIVE BLOOD.

Specific blood groups are more common amongst South Asians, and patients with medical conditions such as Thalassaemia Major require regular transfusions. Under 1% of blood donations in the UK are given by people of South Asian origin. That's why we need you to be a VIP in your community and give blood.

You can register your interest in becoming a blood donor at the Nottingham Mela 2009

For more information on becoming a blood donor and to register online, visit our website www.blood.co.uk/vip or call our donor helpline on 0300 123 23 23 quoting reference A05



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NHS TRUST

You can help to shape the future of Nottingham's hospitals

Nottingham University Hospitals (NUH) NHS Trust is looking to the future by building on its achievements to become the best teaching acute Trust in the UK by 2016. The organisation believes the best way to achieve this is by becoming an NHS Foundation Trust.

A Foundation Trust is still very much part of the NHS but NUH believes the independent status will help forge closer links with local communities, provide more financial freedom and improve services.

Dr Peter Homa, Chief Executive of NUH, says: "We are proud of the reputation we have established and the central role we play as a provider of high quality healthcare in Nottingham and beyond. Now we want to take healthcare, teaching and research to a new level for all our patients, partners and staff.

"We have a clear vision of our future. Quite simply, we want to be the best in the country. We want to build on our achievements as a high performing, forward-thinking organisation, providing easily accessible, quality healthcare to people in greater Nottingham, the East Midlands and beyond.

"We believe Foundation Trust status will help us to harness the commitment, passion and hard work of all our staff, volunteers and partners. It will also provide our patients and the wider public with greater opportunities to be more involved in their local NHS."

You can help to shape the future of Nottingham's hospitals by becoming a member of the Trust.

Members can decide how involved they want to be. This ranges from simply receiving information about the latest news from the hospitals to having more of a say and helping to influence decisions about the hospitals.

Becoming a member is quick, simple and free. There are a number of ways you can sign up.

- ◆ Call our free Membership helpline on 0800 731 0319 (open Mon-Fri, 8.30am-5pm)
- ◆ E-mail ft@nuh.nhs.uk
- ◆ Or visit our website www.nuh.nhs.uk for more information



NAAC Committee Update...

At the last NAAC Full Council meeting it was decided to have champions for all our different areas of activities, i.e. certain people will lead on certain aspects of our work — programming, funding/financing, workshops, etc. It was agreed that in the new committee we would allocate some individuals as champions in those particular area. They can then form a committee or work in any way they wish, but they will then be accountable as such, to the committee as a whole and would have delegated authority. The following suggestions were made:

Publicity – Jai Verma, Safdar Azam Mirza

Finance – Davinder Virdi & Mrs Mohindra


Programming – Shailesh Thakrar, Raina Sood

Workshops – Mrs Mohindra, Jaswinder Biant & Masud Ahmad

Policy & Strategy – Executive function and general overseeing of activities

We will keep you posted with the latest...

Finally, till next time have some fun, enjoy, smile and cherish all the things you have... And Also... 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...



Have you ever wondered why Doctors call what they do a "Practice"?

