

# March 2008 Newsletter



## Spring's In The Air...

Welcome to our first edition of the NAAC newsletter for 2008 and hope that you find this and all our subsequent newsletters informative and interesting. NAAC newsletters connect us with our members enabling us to stay in

Days are getting longer, the nights are getting lighter, and now and again we get a bright blue sky... and soon... we'll be enjoying the spring flowers that are just beginning to poke through the cold ground! There's lots going on in Nottingham this year with lots of the major events happening catering for a variety of interests, ensuring fun and entertainment for all.

Hope you will all agree with us in saying what a fantastic and successful Diwali Gala we had in November last year. Credit goes to the participants and the directors who put up such brilliant and professional items — Bollywood, watch out!!!! Well Done to All and Keep Up the Good Work....

touch with existing members and to recruit new members. It informs our members what's happening where and when in and around Nottingham. We would welcome any feedback and suggestions on what you, our readers would like to see in future editions.



**Some excellent news.** The Youth Forum's application submitted by Mumta Sharma and the Youth Forum team to the Youth Capital Fund has been successful and we have been awarded £9,600.00. The money is specifically for purchase of musical instruments and a PA system. **Congratulations to Mumta Sharma and the Youth Forum team.**

### Festivals & Events Enjoyed So Far This Year...

- ◆Guru Gobind Singhji's Birthday
- ◆Eid
- ◆Lohri
- ◆Makar Sankranti
- ◆Republic Day—India
- ◆Valentines Day
- ◆Light Night
- ◆Mothers Day

Read through this handy list of events and you won't miss a thing!

## Nottingham, In 2008 Look Out For...

MARCH	Sports Relief weekend. See <a href="http://www.2sportrelief.com">www.2sportrelief.com</a> for more information ~ St Patrick's Day ~ Easter Events
APRIL	Torvill and Dean's Dancing on Ice LIVE ~ St Georges Day celebration
MAY	Arboretum Bank Holiday Events ~ City Pulse ~ Green Festival, <b>Black &amp; White</b> , E.ON Women's FA Cup Final ~ 1940s Knees Up
JUNE	Nottingham Open Tennis Festival ~ Veteran's Weekend ~ Outdoor theatre Season starts
JULY	One City, One World ~ Nottingham Pride Festival ~ Wollaton Park Music Festival
AUGUST	Riverside Festival ~ Children Festival ~ Arboretum Bank Holiday Events
SEPTEMBER	Festival of Running ~ Robin Hood Marathon ~ Heritage Open Days
OCTOBER	Goose Fair ~ Robin Hood Pageant ~ Dance4's Episodes youth dance event ~ Black History Season ~ Halloween Events
NOVEMBER	GameCity Festival ~ Bonfire and Firework Display Diwali/Eid Celebrations ~ Remembrance Day Christmas Lights Switch On ~ Christmas Markets - German & Craft
DECEMBER	Christmas Events ~ Ice skating in the Old Market Square ~ Shots: A Festival of First Films at Broadway Cinema

## Holi — The Festival of Colours to be celebrated:

1) @ The Nottingham Castle Sunday 16 March, 10am - 12noon or 2pm - 4pm Tickets — £5.00 Come and experience the colourful Spring Festival of India - 'Holi', celebrated by throwing coloured powder into the air and onto visitors to show happiness and prosperity! Enjoy dancing, henna and face painting, craft making and a display of traditional Asian clothes. Booking essential, call 0115 915 3651.

2) Friday 21st March, 6pm @ The Queens Walk Recreation Ground St George's Drive The Meadows Nottingham (behind Queens Walk Community Centre) Free Event Organised by Gujarat Samaj, and as usual there will be a bonfire and members will be allowed to play with colours. Colours will be on sale on the day but if you wish to bring your own, please ensure they are washable. Details—call Kirit Dabhi on (9164199) or Has Mukh Mistry on (07946643403).

**Event Details:**

**“Praise people for what they do and don't criticize them for what they cannot do.”**



**'Descendents of All Worlds' Exhibition – 6<sup>th</sup> March to 28<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

Presented by The NAE, NDC, NNREC and Heartstone, Descendents of all Worlds is a photo documentary project that uses photographs to challenge prejudice. The aim is to make all the stories relevant both in the context of world events as well as prejudice/intolerance from a number of different directions. Descendants of All Worlds is exhibited at **181 Roadside Gallery, Alfreton Rd, Nottingham, NG7 3NW from 6<sup>th</sup> March to 28<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at 10 am to 4pm Monday to Thursday.** For more information, please contact David Thomas on :0115 9248634 or [dave.thomas@thenewartexchange.org.uk](mailto:dave.thomas@thenewartexchange.org.uk)

**Folk and Tribal Arts from India/Pakistan and Bangladesh — 4 April to May 2nd 2008**

Presented by the NAE and **NAAC @ 181 Roadside Gallery, Alfreton Rd, Nottingham, NG7 3NW from 10 am – 4pm – Monday to Friday.**

Preview launch event: Thursday 3 April – 6pm to 9pm

Craft Workshops: Join in with Zubaida Ali Yawar from Balochistan, Pakistan for workshops in Banner Making – Fabric Painting, Water Colours, Flower Making, Ceramic Decorations. **ALL FREE @ The 181 Roadside Gallery**

Dates:

Friday 4 April – Workshop (4 – 6pm)      Saturday 5 April - Workshop (12 – 4pm)

Sunday 6 April - Workshop (12 – 4pm)      Monday 7 April - Workshop (4 – 6pm)

**Contact David Thomas on 0115 9248634 for further details and/or to book your place on a workshop.**

**Talent & Fashion Show 2008 – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Bramcote Hills Community College**

**Nottingham Asian Arts Council** in association with Gujarat Samaj Youth Club, Kala Niketan Hindi School and Nottingham Asian School of Arts are proud to present to you Talent & Fashion Show 2008, a Festival for young people at Bramcote Hills Community College, Moor Lane, Bramcote, Nottingham from 5.00 (for 5.30) to 9.00 p.m. Tickets are £4.00 in advance or £5.00 at the door and children under 5 are free. A buffet meal will also be provided. For more information please contact NAAC on 9158608/9158613, Chandri Vora on 9750275 / 07779185644, Ravinder Bilkhu on 8462247 or Mrs Mohindra on 9131426. Come on youngsters — show us your hidden talents!

**Urjah – Nilima Devi Dance Company – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2008 @ 8.00pm – NCN Clarendon College, Mansfield Rd, Nottingham**

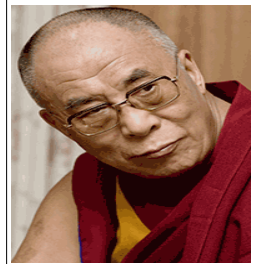
The general term 'Urjah' means energy. The themes of the dance piece explore the energy of the Goddess Gayatri . She is the energy behind the sun and thus controls the source of life for all creatures. The Goddess Gayatri's journey follows the energy of the sun. She is the 'Creator' during the early morning; The 'Preserver' at midday and 'Destroyer of Evil' at dusk. We follow the rhythm of day and night, and the rotation of the seasons in this new dance piece from acclaimed choreographer Nilima Devi. Four dancers combine contemporary style with a rich fusion of classical Kathak and Bharatanatyam dance against an atmospheric filmic backdrop. *Urjah* is performed to specially commissioned music from Praveen Rao, acclaimed for his modern interpretation of the classical music of North India. *Urjah* will be presented as part of a full evening's programme of dance, alongside short traditional Kathak, Bharatnatyam and Odissi pieces, leading the audience on a colourful journey through India's classical dance heritage to the modern day fusion of contemporary influences. Co-presented by NAAC, tickets cost £8 (£5 concessions and NAAC members). For more details call Box Office: 0115 9534350.



**'Oh, Creator of the Universe! We meditate upon thy supreme splendor. May thy radiant power illuminate our intellects, destroy our sins and guide us in the right direction!'**

**DALAI LAMA AT NOTTINGHAM ARENA –Saturday 24th - Wednesday 28th May**

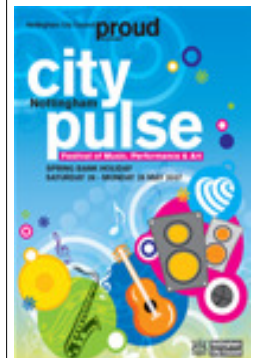
His Holiness The Dalai Lama is visiting Nottingham Arena, the East Midlands' hottest venue, in May 2008 and you can be there to witness this historic event with tickets to see one of the world's most inspiring spiritual teachers. Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th Dalai Lama, will be presenting five days of public talks and teachings at the venue. The teachings His Holiness will be giving in Nottingham, promise to be an unforgettable time for the city and for the many people from all over the world who are likely to attend. There is a public talk, 'Caring for our World' on Sunday 25th May at 2.30pm, chaired by Jonathan Dimpleby (President of the Soil Association) in which His Holiness will talk about his views on conservation and the future of our planet. We hope to encourage some participation from younger people in this event - and competitions are being run for cheap tickets by the Nottingham Evening Post and through the website ([www.dalailama2008.org.uk](http://www.dalailama2008.org.uk)). Please do encourage anyone who might like to see His Holiness and who has, perhaps, missed the tickets for the other weekend sessions, to come along on Sunday afternoon. There are also tickets still available for the Monday-Wednesday teachings, during which His Holiness will be using a wonderful text by Jhe Tsongkhapa. There will be a special Vajrasattva initiation on the morning of Wednesday 28th May. Tickets can now be bought by the day for these teachings. Tickets are on sale now and are priced at £19.80 for a two-day ticket for Saturday and Sunday, £79.20 for a three-day ticket for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday or you can purchase a ticket for all five days for £99. You can book through our special ticket hotline set up for the event on 0870 163 1781 or log onto [www.nottingham-arena.com](http://www.nottingham-arena.com) and follow the links. For more information log onto [www.dalailama2008.org.uk](http://www.dalailama2008.org.uk)



“My religion is very simple. My religion is kindness.” Dalai Lama

**City Pulse – 24th to 26th May 2008**

FREE live music performances throughout the city. **The streets come alive with the sound of music on Sat 24th May – Mon 26th May 2008.** Come and celebrate Nottingham as a music city, City Pulse will feature live music and arts events in the day at a number of outdoor sites around Nottingham city centre and in the evening, clubs and venues will continue to keep the music alive!! From jazz to street music, folk to indie rock, traditional jazz to country, they'll be something for everyone - so come along and brighten up your Bank Holiday weekend. City Pulse is a new and exciting event brought to you by Nottingham City Council with a variety of exciting partners.



**One City One World 11th to 13th July 2008 – Market Square**

This free festival offers three days of live music and dance from around the world performed by international and local artists -celebrating cultural diversity and the diverse communities of Nottinghamshire. One City, One World includes performances from people of hugely varying cultural and religious backgrounds both from the local area and elsewhere in the UK and abroad. With music, street acts and dancing it promises to be a colourful, entertaining and very educational event for the whole family. As well as entertainment you'll be able to enjoy food from far off shores. Watch this space.....

**Destined to become a popular fixture on Nottingham's calendar – One City One World...**

**Riverside Festival – Victoria Embankment – 1st to 3rd August 2008**

Nottingham City Council is proud to present this year's Riverside Festival, Friday 1st - Sunday 3rd August 2008. There will be plenty to see and do, with a colourful and vibrant programme of events offering something for everyone. You can also explore a world of global crafts and food stalls with goods and flavours to suit all tastes. Take your time to relax while you wander round the many stalls and soak up the festival atmosphere. **There will also be popular Asian artists performing and workshops to keep you busy.** Details to follow.

**Fun times at the Riverside – we hope you can fit it all in!**



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OUR WEBSITE IS  
CURRENTLY UNDER  
CONSTRUCTION...

**"Pyar Ka Paigam"  
on Radio Faza**

Mr Manoj Dwivedi  
will be presenting a  
programme called  
"Pyar Ka Paigam"

on radio faza on 97.1FM every Wed  
5pm to 7pm and on Sundays, 11am  
till 2pm. The programme is in Hindi  
and Mr Dwivedi can be contacted dur-  
ing the programme hours for Hindi  
song requests for birthdays and anni-  
versaries etc. or if any listeners wish  
to send their loved one a pyar ka pai-  
gam. The programme is broadcasted  
live on FM radio and can be heard via  
internet internationally on

[www.radiofaza.org.uk](http://www.radiofaza.org.uk). He has also  
recited his own poems on which he  
has received many compliments and  
wishes to encourage others to phone  
in and read their own poems or shairy.  
NAAC news and announcements will  
be broadcast on this programme and  
also on two other programmes on  
BBC Radio Nottingham.

- ◆ Fridays, Kaval Vaseer, Dhamaka  
from 7pm till 10pm
- ◆ Sundays, Hari Harish, 9pm till mid-  
night.

Keep updated on all the latest NAAC  
news and announcements by tuning  
in to these programmes....

**Finally, a Very Happy Holi &  
Vaisakhi to all our members -  
PLEASE Renew Your  
Membership & Encourage your  
friends & family to join too!!!**



- ◆ **Nowhere To Belong : Tales Of An Extravagant Stranger** – Thursday 3rd April, 8pm, Djanogly Theatre, ... is Yasmin Alibhai-Brown's poignant and impassioned one-woman show about a Ugandan in Britain. For more details and tickets call the Box Office on 0115-8467777.
- ◆ **Black & White – 16th May 2008 @ The Royal Concert Hall, 7.30pm to 10.30pm.** Black and White is based on that golden era of Hindi films from 1948 to 1965 when melody was queen and is a soul stirring musical trip down memory lane. Emotions were classified as only black and white, with no shades of grey-people were portrayed as good or bad. Living was simple. This ageless music takes us through that nostalgic lane, which we have left behind, and wish to relive. The presentation pattern is reminiscent of a stage musical where the singers act their characters. Presented by singers of SAREGAMAPA fame. Watch this Space...
- ◆ **World Music Summer School at Lakeside Arts Centre** from week beginning Monday 4th August 2008 (will include Asian Arts workshops).
- ◆ **Gitanjali National Hindi Kavi Samelan on Sunday 24th August 2008.**
- ◆ **Sunday 14th September Robin Hood Marathon** (volunteers needed).
- ◆ **Kathakali dance presentation from Kerala on Saturday 11th October 2008 at Lakeside Arts Centre.**
- ◆ **14th to 16th November – Broadway Cinema FAITH IN FILMS**
- ◆ **Diwali Gala on Saturday 22nd November at The Royal Concert Hall.**

**£5,000 NILE RIDE**

We would like to commend Nina Vaseer who cycled a gruelling 408km along the River Nile and raised almost £5000 for the British Heart Foundation, spurred on by the memory of her son, Sahib. Nina completed the ride in November last year and is now thinking of biking in Vietnam and Cambodia.



**BLOOD DONOR SESSION IN HYSON GREEN**



We are pleased to tell you that the Blood Donor service is coming to Hyson Green! In May they are starting a new Blood Donor session at the Djanogly School on Gregory Boulevard. They are looking for new donors to come forward and register to help save the lives of thousands of people who need blood on daily basis. Simply go online at [www.blood.co.uk](http://www.blood.co.uk) or call 08457 711 711 and register to do something amazing and become a blood donor!

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