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NEWSLETTER

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WESTON-SUPER-MARE MELA

SUNDAY 10TH JULY 2005

WSM Mela organisers have invited SGAP Bollywood dancers to perform on their stage. The theme of dance is **Colours & Culture of Bollywood**, on is on **Sunday July 10th 2005**.

What a splendid combination – Beach, Sunday and mid July weather (always quite good). Thus, the idea came about of combining a days-out event for all the members, together with dance performances.

A double-decker bus is been arranged to pick-up all the interested members from **Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre** at **11:00 AM** and bring them back at around **8:00 PM**. The seats are limited, so book your place in advance by paying a fee **OF ONLY £1.00 PER PERSON!!** (adult or child above 5 yrs).

Please note that priority will be given to the parents/families of the performers

Sharad Saxena is waiting to receive your call to book on **01454 853 880**.

Sharad Saxena – Management Committee

BRISTOL ZOO GARDENS FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY 22ND JULY 2005

Bristol Zoo Gardens are holding a **Bollywood Fundraiser** on **July 22nd 2005** from **7.00pm to 10.00pm**.

SGAP have been invited to help with their fund raising event. The theme Bristol Zoo wants for this year is **Bollywood** and the diversity in the Indian subcontinent.

To this aim **SGAP**, **AAA** (Asian Arts Agency), **Bollywooddance**, and **Awaz Utaoh** have been invited to put on an evening of entertainment, arts, crafts, music, demonstrations, interactive workshops, and much more for young and old alike.

SGAP's main part will be to coordinate and present a stage performance.

Performances In Brief

Performances will last an hour and a half, and will be a continuous display of varied art forms. The complete performance will cover the colourful and diverse culture and heritage of India from traditional to modern art forms, and will be accompanied by a commentary.

Content In Brief

Dance will consist of modern Bollywood, folk, traditional and classical (e.g. Bhangra and Bharat Natyam).

Dance performances will be linked with a fashion show covering the diversity of Indian styles.

Live songs will be performed in Hindi, accompanied with traditional instruments.

The classical dance form, Bharat Natyam, will be used to perform **A Turtle And Peacock Dance** to link the evening with its aim to raising funds for endangered wild life (Turtles, Terrapins and Tortoise).

Please see attached leaflet for more information.

Pramod Mistry – Treasurer

YATE TALENT SHOW 2005 REVIEW

SATURDAY 18TH JUNE 2005

SGAP had entered its Bollywood dance students (the tiny tots, 'Bollywood Princesses', as they are called) in the **Yate Talent Show** competition on 18th June 2005.

After a comprehensive selection process (there were 500 entries!!), about 100 were selected to perform on the day and SGAP was one of them.

So, on the bright Saturday afternoon, with the sun smiling, our Bollywood princesses set off for Yate in their colourful costumes with a full entourage of their parents, the dance teacher and some SGAP committee members to lend support.

They were **entry number 34**. All the performances were excellent and the show was well-organised on an open stage in the Yate Shopping Centre area. All of us were waiting with bated breath for entry no. 34, who finally walked on to the stage confidently at 1.50pm. The bright costumes had the audience and judges looking wonder-struck. Once the song 'Bole Chudiyani' started, the girls - *Saakshi, Henna, Meghna, Saniya* and *Hillary* - gave one of their best

performances ever. They got a rapturous applause from the audience.



After a few days, we were informed that SGAP has won the prize for 'Best Dressed Act!!! - a very good achievement, considering the competition and their age (5-7 years). Congratulations are due to the Bollywood Princesses, their teacher Perna Chandiramani who put in tremendous hard work with extra lessons and coordination with parents. And of course, the parents who, as always, were very supportive.

Jitesh Mistry, Chairman, said "I am very proud of our students and participation in such competitions go a long way in building their confidence". The teacher, Perna Chandiramani, said "Well, what can I say...my princesses have, yet again, shown us their true mettle. Keep it up, girls!"

Vijay Chandiramani - Management Committee

SGAP WOMENS GROUP

The Asian Women's Group was started by South Glos Council and taken over by SGAP to support the Asians who came in this country and felt isolated.

We provide crèche worker facilities for women with children who wish to attend.

Please don't stay at home - come and join us!

We have yoga, craft, card making, Indian head massage and lots more in these sessions.

The meetings are at **Brookway Community Centre every first Tuesday** of the month from **1.00pm-3.00pm**.

Programme for 2005

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| 5th July | Indian Head Massage |
| 6th Sep | Crafts Sessions |
| 4th Oct | Card Making |
| 1st Nov | Diwali Celebrations |
| 6th Dec | Yoga Session |

Contact **Sangeeta Dewan** on **0117-9696934**.

Sangeeta Dewan-Co-opted Committee Member

CONNECTING COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP

Bristol Racial Equality Council

The Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000 has imposed a duty on all public authorities to promote race equality in both the provision of services and employment of staff. Bristol Racial Equality Council

is the lead partner in Bristol for the Home Office's Connecting Communities Race Equality Support Programme entitled **Access to Jobs and Services**.

The Partnership aims to build trust, respect and confidence between Black and minority ethnic communities and public authorities, encourage the use of services provided, promote careers in the public services as worthwhile opportunities, and ensure the views of Black and minority ethnic communities are taken into account to enable appropriate service delivery and employment practice.

For information please contact:

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SGAP CLASSES

BOLLYWOOD DANCE

Bollywood Dance classes are held in the Main Hall at the **Baileys Court Activity Centre** as follows:

- **GROUP 1 : 5 to 7 yrs**
4:00 to 5:00pm; every Sunday (Green Hut)
24th April to 17th July 2005
- **GROUP 2: 8 to 11 yrs**
5:00 to 6:00pm; every Sunday (Green Hut)
24th April to 17th July 2005
- **GROUP 3 : 12 to 16 yrs**
6:30 to 7:30pm; every Friday (Main Hall)
22nd April to 15th July 2005

Contact **Perna Chandiramani** on 0117 9314443 for more information or email **info@sgap.org.uk**.

TABLA

SGAP organises lessons for tabla enthusiasts and new learners under the guidance of Tapan Roy.

Contact **Urmila Patel** on 01454 885139 for more information or email **info@sgap.org.uk**.

BOLLYWOOD SINGING

For those who always wanted to sing Bollywood songs, singing classes are here for adults and kids! The classes are starting in **September 2005** so come and join!!

Bollywood singing classes are in demand, and we have limited spaces, so please register **ASAP** with **Sangeeta Dewan** on **0117-9696934**.

Adults course-£30.00 per term.

Children course-£15.00 per term.

HINDI LANGUAGE CLASSES

Hindi language classes are available from **September 2005**.

Interested ? Why not join ?

Hindi language classes are in demand, and we have limited spaces, so please register **ASAP** with **Sangeeta Dewan** on **0117-9696934**.

Adult's Course-£20.00 per term.

Children's course-£10.00 per term.