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# NEWSLETTER

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## BRISTOL ZOO GARDENS FUNDRAISER

### SUNDAY 22ND JULY 2005

Sgap were invited by Bristol Zoo to present a part of their fund raising event for conservation work at the zoo gardens and awareness of Asian Lions. The event was to be based around Asian culture, dance and Bollywood.



After hectic rehearsals spanning over 2 months, the day finally arrived - 22nd July 2005! After a successful dress rehearsal, every performer was waiting with bated breath to show their talent. The weather-gods were kind to us with the sun brightly smiling on us. The event started off with SGAP's youngest hostess Hillary Sotheran, opening the event. Because of her busy schedule she invited Vijay Chandiramani, SGAP committee member to take over. After a quick introduction, Sangeeta Dewan, SGAP's nightingale and singing teacher regaled the audience with a combination of a sultry romantic number and a foot-tapping Punjabi song. The audience joined in with enthusiasm.



This was followed by Colours Of India - a Bollywood based cultural tour of India showcasing dances and costumes from different parts of India - Gujarat, Bombay, Punjab, Rajasthan and Kashmir. This was performed by SGAP's Bollywood dance students who displayed an energetic and enthusiastic show. The narration and theme was devised by Vijay Chandiramani and choreographed by SGAP's Bollywood dance teacher, Perna Chandiramani. The

music was compiled and recorded with the valuable assistance of Bharat Adodra.

This was followed by a virtuoso performance by Mridul, one of the leading performers of the Indian classical dance, Bharat Natyam. This is the dance on which the foundations of most Indian dances are based. The audience listened with rapt attention as she explained the nuances of the dance. They were glued to her performance as she moved with grace and aplomb. This performance was organised, courtesy of Anju Patel of Asian Arts Agency.

Finally, there was a fitting climax by the Dandiya Divas, who performed a challenging folk dance, the Dandiya on a Bollywood number. Choreographed by Meera Adodra, the Divas transported the audience to the vibrant culture of Gujarat.



The show ended by a grand finale on a foot-tapping Bollywood number.



The project was managed by Pramod Mistry, SGAP treasurer and the partners were Asian Arts Agency and Arts India.

**Vijay Chandiramani - Management Committee**

## SGAP NEW OFFICE ADDRESS

### SGAP now have a permanent base

thanks to funding received from South Gloucestershire Council.

The office will be shared with the **South Gloucestershire Chinese Association** and will be based at **The Chantry, Castle Street, Thornbury, Bristol, South Gloucestershire, BS35 1HB.**

## SGAP DEVELOPMENT WORKER VACANCY

### SGAP Development Worker Required –

[Job Details](#)

Job Title: **Development Worker**

Reports To: **SGAP Chairman**

**£9.30 ph – 14hrs a week (part time) based at Thornbury ( Sgap new Office )**

[Job Purpose](#)

Under the general guidance of the Management Committee help SGAP provide, develop & explore appropriate services for the Asian community within South Gloucestershire

[Duties & Responsibilities](#)

To assess social, cultural, recreational, learning and training needs that are missing and develop these new services as directed by the Management Committee

Help prepare, publish and distribute SGAP newsletters and arrange for SGAP website to be updated regularly, with possible training to support the Website in the future

Support the development of women's/elderly group. Develop provision for young people

Establish a drop-in advice centre for Asians living or working in South Gloucester

Help the Management Committee plan an Annual Cultural event and provide support in events where SGAP is invited to participate.

To build a network of contacts with other groups and agencies, attend and participate in consultation meetings and report back to the management committee.

To liaise and work in co-operation with voluntary and statutory agencies across South Gloucestershire

Identify new Funding opportunities for SGAP and prepare the applications under the guidance of the management committee.

[Skills and Experience Required –](#)

#### Essential

Experience of community work or previous experience in voluntary or statutory sector.

Excellent IT skills, ability to use Spreadsheets, publishing & presentation tools, word processing, email and internet.

Excellent written and verbal communication skills. Able to organise and work independently

Experience of working with a wide range of people.

Full Driving Licence

#### Desirable

A JNC national or local qualification.

Multi lingual in an Asian language would be useful.

[Supervision Received](#)

The post holder will be responsible to the Management Committee of SGAP. Initially the Chairperson will provide supervision, line management and assistant.

#### Special Notes

The post holder must be prepared to undertake training and courses that may arise from time to time.

There may also be the need to work outside the normal office hours as and when required, for which time off in lieu will be given.

**Send all applications by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2005 in the first instance to:**

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*Jitesh Mistry – Sgap Chairman*

## SGAP SPORTS DAY EVENT

### SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2005

The SGAP committee is happy to announce a Sports Day Event on Saturday 1st October 2005, at Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre between 4 and 8 pm. The event will host a variety of sports and interesting games for children and adults.

Entry to SGAP members is free of charge. Non members, simply need to turn up and register on the day. More details on this event will be available soon, on the SGAP website and also at Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre

*Prashant lele – Management Committee*

## BHANGRA DANCE PERFORMANCE

### SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

**At the Sgap Annual Show 2005**



*“Punjabi Style”*

As part of the run-up to this year's Annual Show, the SGAP committee are looking for members, singles and couples, young and old to participate in the **SGAP Annual Show 2005 Bhangra Dance** performance. There will be up to about 6-8 rehearsal sessions starting in mid-September to early November 2005.

If you are interested please send us your details by **Friday 19th August 2005**, by contacting the following members of the **Bhangra Dance Performance Team: see Sgap web site for further details - [www.sgap.org.uk](http://www.sgap.org.uk)**

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*Kermal Singh – Management Committee*