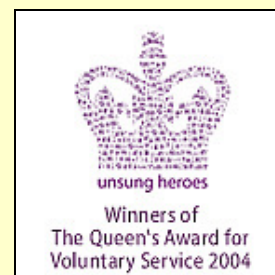


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NEWSLETTER

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ANNUAL SHOW 18TH NOVEMBER 2006

Our last six Annual Shows have included an array of entertainment such as variety of dances, live singing & music, drama, comedy and DJ.

To build on this success, this year's event will include lively entertainment to recognise and reflect the diverse community within South Gloucestershire.

Our stage performances will take the theme of World dances, Catwalks and Creative Fashion costumes. We would like to open up the stage event to anyone in the South Gloucestershire area, who is talented and wants to participate. See separate flyer for full details.

WESTON SUPER MARE FESTIVAL

19th July was another bright and sunny day, what a summer we have had so far. Weston Super Mare festival is held in the open, in a beautifully maintained park, surrounded by Victorian housing and only a couple of minutes walk from the beachfront. A most delightful place to visit and a perfect setting for an outdoor summer festival.

This year two groups performed, the group 1 intermediates and group 2, in total there were 13 performers. So quite a large group of SGAP members gathered at Grove park, parents, siblings and grand parents. It didn't take long for the party spirit to be in full swing. Of course the smell of fresh pakoras and onion bhajias added to the atmosphere, the first of the arrivals decided that the SGAP base for the day at Grove park should be just in front of the Indian food stall, but where else!

The centre stage was the bandstand, and at the bottom of the steps of the bandstand was the stage. The open area in front of the stage was used for dancing, and the audience were encouraged to join in when ever possible.

Perna appeared for the behind the stage and introduced group 2 and the Bollywood music to much cheering from the parents and applause from the audience. The performance was electric, modern, dynamic a mix of Bollywood and western with a dramatic start. Great performance and enjoyed by all, lots of loud applause. As the group 2 took their bows and disappeared, Perna introduced the group 1 intermediates and the Bollywood music. The students appeared one by one in their vibrant Indian costumes scarves fluttering the breeze, red, blue, green, yellow and pink. You could hear the ooo's and arrrr's you got the feel this was going to be special very special. As the dance began and the students spread out on the grass in front of the stage, the

stage was not big enough for these princesses of Bollywood dance they wanted the arena.

The audience was captivated, the movement, the timing, interchanging of positions, no on the spot dancing for these princesses. The audience joined in clapping along to the music, brilliant absolutely brilliant, so good that the organisers asked for an encore. And our princesses never pass on a performance, they danced the whole sequence again to cheers and applause. Perna thanked the dancers, the parents, the organisers and the audience.

There was much excitement as the SGAP contingent gathered after the performances, marvellous performances and an encore. The students were extremely good, well done and thanks. Many thanks to Perna for her tutoring and choreography, to the parents and their support, to Vijay Chandiramani for getting the drinks and snacks for the performers.

Article by Pramod Mistry, Treasurer

YATE

There was an International weekend on 15/16th July'06 at Yate and many forms for dance took place. It was another hot Sunday morning the SGAP kids added some fun and colour at the Heritage centre with their Bollywood dance performances.



Thank you to all the children who took part and represented Indian dance from South Gloucestershire.

Article by Perna Chandiramani

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.

Programme for future sessions

Contact **Anju Patel** on **01454-865126**

SGAP CLASSES

In addition to the Bollywood dance classes, we have arranged a "taster" session of the classical Bharat Natyam dance which will run for 6 weeks at a nominal charge. The details are as follows:-

BOLLYWOOD DANCE

Bollywood Dance classes will be held on
Sundays September 3, 10, 17, 24; October 1,8,15;
November 5, 12,17
Fridays September 8, 15, 22, 29; October 6,13;
November 3,10,17.

Times & Venue:

Filton High School (Sundays)		
Beginners	3:00 – 4:00 pm	
Improvers	4:15 – 5:15pm	
GROUP 2 :	5:30 to 6:30pm	Age 8 - 11
Jubilee Centre, Oak Hall (Fridays)		
GROUP 3	6:30 to 7:30pm	Age 12-16

The cost is £25 per term and must be paid in advance.

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

BHARAT NATYAM

'The bharatanatyam workshops will include traditional technique, both pure dance and abhinaya, as well as creative tasks with the aim of creating a performance piece.

The classes will run for 6 weeks on Fridays at a nominal charge of £10 per student for the whole term. The venue is Jubilee Centre at 5.30 pm.

Contact **Anju Patel** on **01454-865126** for further details – or just turn up!

BOLLYWOOD SINGING

Bollywood singing classes will only be held if there are sufficient students registering their interest before 1st September by calling the SGAP office on 01454 865126 or e-mail sgap.office@googlemail.com

The cost is £40 per term for Adults; £25 for children to be paid in advance.

TABLA

Our usual teacher Tapan Roy is taking a break for the next term, but we may have an alternative.

Contact **Anju Patel** on **01454-865126** for more information or email info@sgap.org.uk.

The cost is £50 for a block of 10 lessons.

HINDI LANGUAGE CLASSES

Hindi language classes will be held on **Sundays** September 3, 10, 17, 24; October 1,8,15; November 5, 12 ,17 and are taught by Hetal Mistry. Time: 3-4pm; Venue Filton High School

In order to gauge class sizes, please register **ASAP** with **the SGAP office** on 01454 865126 or e-mail sgap.office@googlemail.com

Adult's Course-£20.00 per term.

Children's course-£10.00 per term.

SPORTING ACTIVITIES AT FILTON HIGH SCHOOL

Over 20 children have enjoyed a variety of sporting activities on Sundays including Quick Cricket, Tennis, Kickball, "Stuck in the mud or seaweed" dodgeball and rounders. Coaching was provided by two professional coaches – both named Ben who managed all the children aged 4 to 14 with ease and fun.

A survey was carried out by Junior committee members Hema and Anand to repeat any favorites for next term.

We would like to thank any parents who helped with the rota on being present during the activities, and would welcome any further support in the new term.



The sports and games will continue on the following days:

Sundays September 3, 10, 17, 24; October 1,8,15; November 5, 12 ,17

The cost is £20 per term and must be paid in advance.