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WELCOME

and a Happy New Year to everyone. We're nearly at the end of our 2nd Year and have lots to look forward this year and as always we need your involvement and support to continue. Our AGM is coming up in March 2002 and is your opportunity to join the SGAP Committee (see below for further info). We've got quite a bit to report on including the SGAP Annual Diwali 2001 Function review, new Bollywood classes plus other regular features.

DIWALI Function -Sat 1st Dec 2001

The Diwali function was an unqualified success – much like a Bollywood blockbuster! It was well attended, with around 250 people from South Glos. and Bristol enjoying themselves to the hilt. There was children's entertainment, music, dances by children (the Junior Jiving Jalebi's), SGAP's Bollywood Dance students (the Jiving Jalebi's) and students of the UWE. The performance was so earth shattering that the screen on the stage fell down!! After a break with finger-licking food, many guests jived away to the DJ's music upto midnight. There was an on the spot interview conducted by BBC Bristol and featured on the Sangam programme. Finally, the VIP touch was provided by guests including Cllr Neil Halsall and Alan Bracey (Leader and Chair of South Glos. Council respectively).

I am sure all of us look forward to the next year's function!!



Junior Jiving Jelebi's in action at SGAP Diwali 2001



Satty getting ready for the Jiving Jelebi's performance

BOLLYWOOD STAR?

One of members Sangeeta Dewan who is also on our Management Committee was recently offered a chance to record Hindi Songs with an opportunity to make a CD. She has already done one session in London and has been called back for another, so look out for further information on a talented singer soon on a SGAP Newsletter coming through your post.....

BOLLYWOOD CLASSES

Bollywood Dance classes of 2002 will commence on 3rd February (Sunday) at Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre (Creche) from 6 pm to 7 pm. For details and re-confirmation of the venue and timings, please contact Prerna Chandiramani on 0117 9314443.

GUJERATI CLASSES –if you interested in these the contact Anju on 0117-9798568

TABLA CLASSES -taught by the renowned Tappen Roy if you interested in these in these the contact Pravin on 01454-619807

JOINING SGAP COMMITTEE

Ever thought about wanting to join SGAP Committee but weren't too sure what is involved, want more information or how to go about it? Well here are a few **FAQ's** (Frequently Asked Questions):

Q. When can I join?

A. The Management Committee is elected annually at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) which is usually held once a year about March time. The Committee consists of the - *Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and up to Nine other members (including three junior members and two co-opted members)*. You need to be a Full member i.e. you live or work within South Gloucestershire to stand for election.

Q. What does the Management Committee Do?

A. The Management Committee is responsible for carrying out the objects of the Group as laid down in the Constitution (this can be obtained by emailing sgap@blueyonder.co.uk) Recently the committee have been responsible for setting up language, dance and tabla classes; arranging trips, and organising a number of functions. Representation in other related forums is also important, such as racial equality, the Compact and on South Glos. committees. There is also an opportunity to appear on radio and newspapers to promote our activities.

Q. How much time do I need to give?

A. This can vary but in general you need to be able to attend about 12 meetings a year (about 2hrs each) plus help out at various functions and activities that are held. But like all voluntary work you have to be committed to help and enjoy putting something into the Community.

Q. Do I get Paid?

A. No. But you will be reimbursed for out of pocket expenses where appropriate.

Q. What qualifications do I need?

A. No formal qualifications are required but your existing skills could be useful i.e. if you wish to stand for Treasurer, an Accountancy qualification is desirable. You need to show a willingness to contribute with your time and experience, be resourceful and enjoy voluntary work. A passion for community spirit is ideal.

Q. What do I get out of it?

A. Satisfaction from contributing towards the Community and being part of a growing voluntary group. You also have opportunities to go on training courses to gain valuable skills, which can help you in personal development and employment. But as with other things you get out what you put in.....

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

The Stokes & Patchway Women's Network who meet regularly at Patchway Library are organising a fun filled activity day on Saturday 9th March 2002 at Brook Way Community Centre to celebrate International Women's Day. To mark this special day, a short video diary commenting on the '*day in the life of.....*' will be produced featuring a cross section of women from different communities. A short set of questions will be asked to all the ladies in question and similarities and differences will be collated. This video will then be shown on the 9th March. If you are interested in participating, can you let Vina Panchal know asap.

Tel No. 01454 619807. Who knows this could be your claim to fame!! In addition to the above, there will be Arts & Crafts, Dance Workshops and an opportunity to sample a range of cuisine. So don't forget to make a note of this date in your diary.

If you require any further information, please call Vina Panchal.

Coming Soon.....after the successful SGAP AGM 2001 this year's AGM is again themed with Holi (Festival of Colour). Provisional date is Saturday 30th March 2002.

Guests enjoying themselves at SGAP Diwali Function 2001 >

