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WELCOME!

SGAP Annual Show : Saturday 23rd November 2002

The big news is the forthcoming SGAP Annual Show, which is on Saturday 23rd Nov 2002 at the Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre. Tickets are on sale right now so make sure you get yours early. Details are:

Date:	Saturday 23 rd Nov 2002.	
Time:	6:30pm – 11:30pm	
Venue:	Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre	
Costs:	SGAP Member	£12
	Non-Member	£15
	Children (age 3-12)	£5



If you have young children then please come **early** as we will provide their entertainment (Games & Magician) and food early. Also if you have a large party (10 or more) then let us know so we can keep a table reserved if available. As last year we have performances from the Bollywood classes which will start at 8:00pm with Indian food (including vegetarian option) served soon after that. A DJ will provide Indian music so come down and enjoy a evening with friends and family.

For further information please see attached poster.

SOUTHALL- Gurdwara Visit : Saturday 21st of September 2002

This trip was cancelled from last year following the 9/11 attacks in America and was re-arranged for this year. On a sunny Saturday morning of 21st September 2002, the coach from Baker's Dolphin arrived at 8 am at Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre. While the rest of the world was still in bed recovering from the week's blues or a night-out, a bunch of enthusiastic SGAP members arrived at the pickup point for the outing to the Sri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara in Southall. In about 10 minutes, the coach was full and we had to take some members in a people carrier. The journey started with quick introductions by everyone and the usual announcements. After the initial talk about the 'weather', people dropped their guard and all of a sudden someone started singing! With the sporting crowd joining in, the entire journey was resplendent of Bollywood and Bhangra music accompanied by the rhythm of the Dholak. Time passed quite quickly and after a coffee-break at Reading, the journey continued.

We reached the Gurdwara at about 12 noon. We were welcomed by our host who give us a tour of the Gurdwara. After some prayers and Prasad, we were invited to the 'Langar' (the community meal), which is prepared in a large hall by volunteers. This Sikh tradition fosters equality and has a spiritual and historical significance. Children particularly learnt something about the Sikh religion.

At about 1:30pm we left the Gurdwara and ambled towards the Southall Broadway welcomed by the aroma of Jalebis and Chicken Tikka and the sounds of Indian music. The pavement was lined with shops selling CDs, DVDs, tapes, gizmos, fabrics... you name it! The entire Indian bazaar was there! Soon it was time to make the return trip at 4:00pm and the singing continued as the coach rolled into Bristol late evening.



What do you think of it so far? What would you like?

The activities that we provide have arisen from surveys and feedback from members. As membership increases, we are always on the lookout for new methods of improving the life of Asians living in South Gloucestershire.

At present we provide the following :

- Tabla Classes
- Gujarati Language classes
- Bollywood dance classes
- Cultural / fun trips
- Newsletters.

Are you interested in any of the above? Would you like any additional facilities? Please let us know by e-mail, or by speaking to any of the committee members. Also if you would like to put something back into the Community then why not join the Committee –opportunity will arise at the Annual General Meeting in March 2003, but let us know now if you are interested.

SGAP Membership Fee (£3 per Adult)

In order to maintain these services and to promote further activities, we charge an :

Annual Membership Fee of £3 per adult aged 18 and over.

By paying for membership you will be entitled to discounts at any function or event we hold and will pay for itself very quickly. To pay this fee then please contact Perna on 0117-931-4443 or see web-site for details.

Website: www.sgap.org.uk

Email: info@sgap.org.uk

For the latest information on SGAP, visit our website at www.sgap.org.uk. Let us have any comments on the web-site (good or bad!). We welcome any feedback also by contacting any of the committee members, or by e-mail to info@sgap.org.uk .

We're also always looking for articles of interest to members so if you have a interesting hobby, like to be a Bollywood film critic or have a special recipe then please let us know.

SGAP would like to thank Kamlesh for setting up our website Free of Charge and the continuing support he still provides in maintaining the site.

JOB VACANCY: Community Development/Co-Ordinator

As part of the moving the Project we are looking for a Community Development/Co-Ordinator for SGAP. You will have a proven ability in relation to working with the Asian voluntary and community sector. The role will require assisting the project to look for further funding, attending meetings to represent SGAP and co-ordinating with the Management Committee on promoting project activities. You should have good IT and communication skills and be self-motivated

£7 per hour

7 hours per week initially funded until March/2003.

CLOSING DATE: 28th Nov 2002

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