

WELCOME

and a belated Happy New Year to everyone. We're nearly at the end of our 3rd 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 2003 and is your opportunity to join the SGAP Committee (see below for further info) and meet us in person. We've got quite a bit to report on including the SGAP Annual Show 2002 Function review, new 2003 Bollywood classes plus other regular features.

SGAP Show -Sat 23rd Nov 2001

Following on and building on last years function this years SGAP Annual Show at the Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre was another unqualified success. It was well supported with 80% of the tickets sold within one week of going on sale, and in the end was sold out with around 250 members and guests from South Gloucestershire and Bristol enjoying a entertaining evening. There was children's entertainment, brilliant raffle prizes, dance music and three superb Bollywood dances by children with an age range from 4 to 14. After a break for some traditional Indian fare of Curry, Rice, Nan and RasMalite, many guests jived away to the DJ's music 'til late. The VIP touch was provided by guests including Cllr Jean Ward Chair of South Gloucestershire Council, Cllr Michael Collins (Chair of Bradley Stoke), Councillor Sue Hope and Francis King from the Asian Arts Agency who sponsored the Bollywood Dances.

I am sure all of us look forward to the 2003 function!!



BOLLYWOOD CLASSES 2003

The Bollywood Dance classes run by Prerna has been one of the many SGAP successes and you can see this has already filtered into mainstream theatre with "Bollywood Dreams" and in Art and Fashion. You can get a taste of Bollywood here in South Glos. with our own classes which started on Sunday 26th Jan 2003.



Prerna with the Under 5's Class practising. The results were all there to be seen on the SGAP Show 2002.

Well Done Girls!

For details of costs and confirmation of the venue and timings, please contact Prerna Chandiramani on 0117 931 4443 or Email info@sgap.org.uk .

“Quotes” –here are some of the emailed comments from the SGAP Show 2002:

“ Well...it was a really successful evening....I think we all had really great fun...and for me it was a big surprise I have never imagined such a big Indian/Asian community in Bradley Stoke.... thanks for organising this event!”- Ruchir

“Well what can I say SPECTACULAR sure, IMPRESSIVE very. We had a great time yesterday the meal was excellent and the atmosphere was buzzing. Sure you will see me there next year.” -Singh K

Thanks to all the SGAP committee for organising this Show, and it was really a grand success.. everything was just perfect, the events, food and all.. we really enjoyed it.....and hope to see more and more such events, trips etc. “ -Harshal

“It was a great show. We really enjoyed it. We are waiting for the future events. “ -Durgappa

GUJERATI CLASSES –we are looking for a new Gujerati teacher so if anyone has experience and would like to apply then please contact Sapna on 01179838002 or email info@sgap.org.uk .

TABLA CLASSES -taught by the renowned Tappen Roy if you interested in these then contact Vijay on 0117 01179798568 as there are places available.

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 community and will require assisting the project to look for further funding, attending meetings, and promoting project activities. You should have a Management Committee on £7 per hour 7 hours per week initially funded until March/2002. You should be motivated.

CLOSING DATE: 28th Nov 2002

post now filled!

NEW MEMBERS and NEW ACTIVITIES -At SGAP we are aware we probably don't reach or provide for all the activities that our paid and non-paid-up members may want or desire. Being a relatively new organisation we are constrained by limited resources and can only do as much as we can fit in bearing in mind our work is voluntary. But, to make a difference we need you to let us know of what YOU want and also to spread the word and let your friends and relatives know about SGAP. The easiest way is for them to join SGAP (see below) and that way we can keep members informed of what's happening:

Possible new activities: Hindi Classes, Punjabi Classes, "Art of Living" Yoga, Indian Cookery Classes, Hindi Film Singing Lessons.....

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 Sapna on 01179838002 or see web-site for details.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS: We hope by the AGM to issue all paid members a Membership Number and Card. Remember membership runs for 1 Year from 1st April to 31st March for following Year.

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 .

New Monthly Website competitions:

Best Indian Recipe - £5 monthly prize to best recipe chosen by the committee.

Film Critic – Fancy yourself as a “Jonathan Ross”, got what it takes to form a critical opinion? Then why not send us your personal review of the latest Bollywood Blockbusters -£5 to the best entry each month.

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. 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.

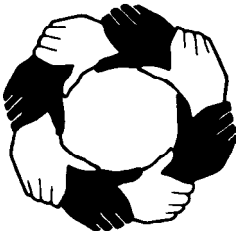
Q. What qualifications do I need?

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.....

**SGAP AGM:
Coming soon –so put it in your Diary!
Saturday 29th MARCH 2003**



The Care Forum have asked us to advertise the service they provide. See details below.

The Care Forum

The Care Forum is a registered charity and company limited by guarantee. We work across Bristol, South Gloucestershire, Bath & North East Somerset and North Somerset. Our members are voluntary and community groups with a particular interest in health and social care. The Care Forum is made up of three projects, the Voluntary Sector Coordination team, the Complaints Procedure Advocacy, and the Disability Information Service. The Care Forum aims to promote health and social well-being by:

Enabling voluntary organisations, and through them local communities, to participate fully and equally in the planning and improvement of services

Empowering individuals and groups through dialogue with service providers

Improving people's access to services.

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