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# Newsletter

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## WELCOME!

This year's cultural trip was yet another successful event!!

Read all about it on page 2 of this newsletter.

The main focus this month however, is the **SGAP Annual Show** on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2003**.

Tickets are on sale, so hurry and get yours now! Last year, we sold all our tickets in about a week!!

See below for details of this year's show.

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## SGAP Annual Show – Saturday 15 November 2003

It's that time of year again, and the **SGAP Annual Show** is once again upon us.

As ever we have a packed programme of events, and we hope to make this year's show not only every bit as successful as previous years, but bigger, brighter and more fun!

### SGAP ANNUAL SHOW 2003

**Time:** 6:30pm – Midnight

**Venue:** Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre

<b>Costs:</b> SGAP Member	<b>£12</b>
Non-Member	<b>£15</b>
Children (age 3-12)	<b>£5</b>

**Programme:**

- Children's entertainment (magician)
- Bollywood Dance Programme
- Bollywood/Classical Hindi Singing
- Dhol Performance
- Evening Dinner
- Raffle (DVD Player 1<sup>st</sup> Prize)
- Disco till late

Tickets can be purchased from any of the committee members on the telephone numbers below, or you can email SGAP at [info@sgap.org.uk](mailto:info@sgap.org.uk). But hurry, the demand for tickets is high!

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| • Jitesh Mistry on 0117 931 1505  | Kamlesh Mistry on 0117 910 9039     |
| • Vijay Patel on 0117 979 8568    | Kernal Singh on 0117 956 7782       |
| • Pramod Mistry on 0117 933 4757  | Vijay Chandiramani on 0117 931 4443 |
| • Sangeeta Dewan on 0117 969 6934 | Ruchir Dayal on 01454 615 907       |
| • Urmila Patel on 01454 885 139   |                                     |

As last year, we have performances from the Bollywood classes which will start at 8:00pm with Asian food (including a vegetarian option) served soon after that. A DJ will provide Asian music so come down and enjoy the evening with friends and family!

For further information please see the enclosed poster.

### SPECIAL NOTICES:

- **If you have young children, then please come early as the children meals will be served straight after the children's entertainment (Games & Magician), which starts at 6:30pm sharp.**
- **For large parties of 10 or more, let us know in advance so we can keep a table reserved if available.**

## Cultural Trip/Day Out – Saturday 18 October 2003

This year's Cultural Trip/Day Out to Leicester got off to chilly, but bright and sunny start.

We set off at 11:30 am, a bit later than planned, but made good time to Leicester arriving at 2:30 pm, via a short service stop to stretch our legs.



The coach dropped us off outside the Neighbourhood Centre, halfway up Belgrave Road, and our 60+ day-trippers set about discovering Leicester's religious, cultural and retail delights.



With Diwali being only a week away, all the shops were very busy, including the many excellent restaurants and sweet marts, which were the first port of call for many of our coach party, especially those with children.



After six hours of the Leicester experience, which for some of the group included visits to Hindu Mandirs, and Jain centres as well as a wide selection of shopping outlets from Asian foodstuffs to Designer clothing, we all headed back to the coach for our return trip to Bristol.



The journey home was a fantastic musical experience for adults and children alike - we all joined in an Asian "sing-song", with Antakshri, and fun solo performances featuring Hindi cinema's greatest hits, Tamil love songs, Punjabi show-stoppers, and even a Rap! (well done Arun Patel).



Everyone had a go, including SGAPs songstress Sangeeta Dewan, accompanied very ably on the Dhol by our committee's very own Kermal Singh. Some of day-trippers thought this was the highlight of our day out!

We reached our starting point, Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre, at 10:45 feeling tired yet exhilarated (well the adults anyway!) following a truly enjoyable day.



Have a look at the photo gallery on the website, <http://www.sgap.org.uk/gallery.php>, to see some of the sights that we enjoyed, and the singers on the coach. Are you there?

## SGAP BBC Visit

Have you ever wondered how the regional news is put together every evening?

On Friday 26th September 2003, some of the SGAP committee members and their families were invited by the BBC to find out how, and given an opportunity to have a say on what they thought about the news programme and its content.

We arrived at about 5:30pm that evening and were shown around by the Points West producer Bob Lloyd-Smith.



We met various people in the production team during our tour of the studio, saw the hectic last minute preparations in the edit suites, and had an opportunity to watch Points West being aired live from the viewing gallery.

After the show, we were invited to a post programme meeting in which we gave our impressions of the show, which we thought was very informative and related well to local issues - quite coincidentally, SGAP's very own Bollywood Dance instructor Perna Chandiramani appeared in the programme promoting Asian Dance as part of a cultural event in Bristol City Centre on Saturday 27th September.

Thanks again to BBC West for inviting us to a very informative and interesting experience.

## Tumhare Kahani Project

Tumhare Kahani is an exciting new creative writing initiative for Asians living in South Gloucestershire, funded by **SGAP** and the **Asian Arts Agency**.

The aim of the Tumhare Kahani Project is to encourage new, budding and existing Asian writers of all ages to develop their skills and creativity in all forms of writing.

To celebrate the introduction of the pilot phase of the project (**tk.0\_03**), the Tumhare Kahani Project is re-launching the **Short Story Competition** at this year's SGAP Annual Show

There are two age categories, under 18s and 18+, and the winner of each age category will receive a prize:

- The under 18s winner will receive £50 in WHSmith vouchers.
- The 18+ winner will receive £100 in cash.

For full details, please visit the website **[www.tumharekahani.com](http://www.tumharekahani.com)**.

The closing date for submission of your short stories is now **31 January 2004**.

Why not have a go ?

### SGAP Bollywood Dance Classes

The Bollywood Dance classes run by Prerna have been one of the many SGAP successes.



The classes are held in the Green Hut at the Baileys Court Activity Centre, with sessions for attendees aged:

- **3 to 7 yrs from 4:00 to 5:00pm**
- **8 to 16 yrs from 5:00 to 6:00pm**

New term begins on Sunday 14th September 2003.

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](mailto:info@sgap.org.uk).

Also run by Prerna are the: **Ladies Bollywood Workout Classes** at the Woodland Suite, Jubilee Centre, Savages Wood Road, Bradley Stoke, from **7:30pm-8:30 p.m.**

New classes begin on Wednesday 17th September 2003.

### SGAP Tabla Classes

The importance of Tabla as a musical instrumental in India has been established since the early 14<sup>th</sup> Century AD, but in the last twenty years or more it's sound has attracted the attention of a large number of students and lovers of music alike globally.

In South Gloucestershire and North Bristol we are very lucky to have a number of enthusiasts and lovers of art who can learn under the expert guidance of Tapan Roy.

**SGAP** organises lessons for enthusiasts and new learners with Tapanji, who has built up a formidable reputation as both a teacher and performer. His skills are in great demand from all over Britain and he gives lessons in Tabla to pupils in Bath, Bristol and surrounding areas.

So come on all you music lovers, of all ages, come and try Tabla lessons with SGAP.

Contact Urmila Patel on 01454 885139 for more information or email [info@sgap.org.uk](mailto:info@sgap.org.uk).



### SGAP Bollywood Singing Classes

Do you like Bollywood Films and wish you could sing like the big screen stars? Well here's your opportunity to impress your other half, friends and family by learning to sing a Bollywood Film Song!

These classes have already had a successful pilot launch, and regular classes are due to recommence every Sunday, started on Sunday 21st September 2003 in the Beech room at the Jubilee Centre, Bradley Stoke.

If you wish to enrol, please contact Sangeeta Dewan on 0117 969 6934 - places are strictly limited.



## SGAP Activities for Year 2003/2004

As part of our forward planning we have scheduled most of our major activities for 2003/2004:

### 15 November 2003 - SGAP Annual Community Show

- **January 2004** (tbc) - Sports Open Day
- **March 2004** (tbc) - AGM/Holi

Full details of all of these events are coming soon, and as the year progresses, we will notify you of other activities which SGAP are involved with, like the Swindon Mela, and the Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre Swimming Pool Opening (Jan/Feb 2004).

## SGAP Membership

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

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

By becoming a member you will be entitled to discounts at our functions. Last year members saved £2 on the cultural trips, £3 on the Annual Function, and received hard copy newsletters advising of past and future activities / events.

The cut-off date for membership this year was 31<sup>st</sup> October 2003, but if you are not already a member, why not join at next year's AGM in March 2004?

## Related Information

From South Gloucestershire Council:

### Womens Group Meetings

"A warm welcome is extended to women of all ages from all over South Gloucestershire to join us at Filton Folk Centre, Elm Park, Filton on **Thursdays** from **2-4pm**, starting on **November 6th 2003**.

Come and share a cup of tea with us and meet new friends. Children welcome.

The group will run for six weeks in the first instance. During this time we will be able to discuss the sort of group that you would like to see develop and the activities that you would like to see. These could be anything from aromatherapy to baby massage, from making birthday cards to glass painting!

We hope to organise some speakers too, on topics of interest to you. On the last day, December 11th, there will be a party to celebrate the new group and a crèche will be available for the children. We will organise a special activity, decided upon by the group, for that day too.

We are already seeking further funds to enable the group to keep running from next January.

If you would like more information please ring Marian Jones, Community Development Worker, on 01454 865839 or Liz Walters, Health Visitor, on 0117 9699775."

### Be Good To Women Day!

"A Be Good to Women Day is being held on **Monday November 24th 2003** from 10-3.00 at Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre.

The day is to start International Week Against Violence Against Women, an annual event when activities are carried out through out the world to raise awareness of domestic violence.

This year the South Gloucestershire Domestic Violence Forum has decided to celebrate women by holding a day of relaxation, enjoyment and reinvigoration for ALL women...because we're worth it!

The day is FREE with refreshments and a crèche provided. Services offered will include: reflexology, head and hand massage, Reiki and a Bollywood Dancing workshop which will run from 1-3pm.

Refreshments & crèche included.

For more details contact Louise Branch, on 01454 868761."