

WELCOME!

2004 is upon us, and we already have a packed diary of events, beginning this year with SGAP's very first **Talent Show**...

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SGAP TALENT SHOW – 28 FEBRUARY 2004

Can you shake a leg, or hum a tune?? Can you make beautiful words flow from your pen, or make the atmosphere reverberate through rhythms of any musical instrument??

If so, here is a golden opportunity because SGAP are introducing, for the very first time:

*** The SGAP Talent Show ***

in which SGAP members and their families are invited to show off their talents!

The SGAP Talent Show will be held on Saturday 28th February in the Oak Hall at the Jubilee Centre, Bradley Stoke, between **5:00 and 7:00pm**.

The most popular act of the evening will be invited to take centre stage at the SGAP AGM/Holi!!

There is no entry fee to take part, or watch the show.

Please note however, that if there are more entries than the time available, there will be an elimination process (like Pop Idols, we have our very own Simon Cowell!).

So, all you budding singers, dancers, poets, painters, comedians, tabla-maestros, dhol-players.... if you are interested, hurry and let us know before the deadline – **13 February 2004!!**

Please call **Vijay Chandiramani** on **0117 931 4443**, **Jitesh Mistry** on **0117 9311505**, or email info@sgap.org.uk with the following information:-

- **Name**
- **Type of Performance**
- **Age**
- **Duration**

We'll put you on our list, and keep you fully informed about the event.

Please keep checking the website for further details of this exciting event!!

SGAP AGM/HOLI – 28 MARCH 2004

This year's AGM will be held at **Little Stoke Community Centre**, Little Stoke, on **Sunday 28th March 2004** from **4:30pm to 9:00pm**.

Each year, more and more members have been attending, and more non-members signing-up to join SGAP. We hope this year will be no exception.

Your support is always appreciated, and with your help, we hope to make this year's **AGM/Holi** bigger, better and more fun than ever!

Remember to come early and avoid missing our presentation on the years' activities.

The schedules of events are:

- 4:30-6:00pm - Presentation of SGAP's year 2003/04
- 6:00-6:30pm - Nominations and voting for the new committee
- 6:30-7:00pm – Snacks and light refreshments
- 7:00–9:00pm – Performance from the most popular act from the Talent Show, plus Holi celebrations!

We also hope to initiate some new classes, which will be showcased on the day, together with performances from students of our existing classes.

It is also a chance to renew your annual membership, (valid from April 2004 to March 2005), and also stand for election to the Committee.

SGAP CULTURAL TRIP –APRIL 2004

SGAP cultural trips have traditionally been organised in the latter half of the year.

This year, because of SGAP's involvement with South Gloucestershire Council's Festival of Culture, **Engage 2004**, the trip has been brought forward to April.

The exact date and timings are still to be confirmed, but it has been decided that it will be a cultural trip to the new Gurdwara in Southall.

Look out for further details in the next newsletter, and on the website.

SGAP HINDI LANGUAGE CLASSES

This year, we are hoping to introduce **Hindi Language Classes**.

The focus of the classes will initially be conversational Hindi, but eventually will progress to a more advanced level.

If you are interested in attending this class, please contact **Sangeeta Dewan** on **0117 9696934**, or email info@sgap.org.uk for further details.

SGAP MEMBERSHIP

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

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

By becoming a member you will be entitled to discounts at our functions and receive regular newsletters advising of past and future activities / events.

If you are not already a member, why not join at this year's AGM in March 2004?

The annual membership is valid from April 2004 to March 2005.

If you are already a member, don't forget to renew your annual membership at this year's AGM!

RELATED NEWS

ENGAGE 2004 – THE SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE FESTIVAL OF CULTURE

Engage 2004 is a project to promote the diversity of culture in South Gloucestershire through events and activities, culminating with a Festival of Culture in September 2004.

South Gloucestershire Council is leading the project in partnership with a range of community groups, and SGAP were formally invited to work alongside the Council since the project began a few months ago. SGAP are helping the project through numerous contributions:

- Represented on the Steering, and Funding Committees of the project
- Coordinating with other Asian cultural groups to help bring Asian cultural activities to the project
- Providing website design and management services to the project (see below).

SGAP are committed to contributing to the success of Engage 2004, and we'll keep you informed of the activities and events that are coming up as part of this Festival of Culture.

For further details of Engage 2004, visit <http://www.sg-engage.co.uk>, or if you are interested in helping SGAP contribute to the Festival, email us on info@sgap.org.uk.

HOT AND SPICY VALENTINE'S BHANGRA NIGHT

On Saturday 14th February 2004, **Esporta Health Club**, (Hunts Ground Road, Stoke Gifford), have arranged a special Valentine's evening for couples – a **Bhangra Night!**

The evening will begin at 7:30pm, with "spicy nibble" snacks provided, and the entertainment will be a top DJ pumping up the best Bhangra/Bollywood Remix Music Extravaganza until the early hours!!

Tickets cost **£7.50** in advance, **£8.50** on the day, but remember, there are limited numbers, so get yours early!

Tickets are available directly from **Esporta** (ask for Dee on **0117 974 9740**), or for more information only, contact **Kermal** on **07903078404**, or **Kam** on **07968 092103**.



CLASSES

SGAP CLASSES

- SGAP Bollywood Dance Classes
- SGAP Tabla Classes
- SGAP Bollywood Singing Classes

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**, as follows:

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

The **2004** Bollywood Dance classes began on January 18th 2004.

If you are interested, please contact **Prerna** on 0117 9314443, or email **khushboo@lycos.co.uk**, or **info@sgap.org.uk**.

Prerna also runs the **Ladies Bollywood Workout** at the Woodland Suite in the Jubilee Centre, Bradley Stoke, **7:30-8:30 p.m.** on Wednesdays.

SGAP TABLA CLASSES

SGAP organises lessons for tabla enthusiasts and new learners under the expert guidance of Tapan Roy who has built up a formidable reputation as both a teacher and performer. His skills are in great demand but he is currently giving Tabla lessons 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**.

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 learn to sing Bollywood Film Songs!



These classes run every Sunday in the Beech room at the Jubilee Centre, Bradley Stoke.

If you wish to enrol, please contact Sangeeta Dewan on 0117 969 6934 [limited places].