

SHREE JALARAM MANDIR GREENFORD

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NAVRATRI FESTIVAL

Following overwhelming requests from many devotees, the Navratri Festival will be celebrated at Greenford Hall from Friday 8 October to Sunday 17 October 2010 and Sharad Purnima on Friday 22 October 2010. Music will be provided by an experienced garba group for this colourful occasion. Tickets will be at £3.50 Monday to Thursday and £5.00 Friday to Sunday and £2 for senior citizens and children. Please come and join us to celebrate Navratri.

DIWALI CELEBRATIONS

You are cordially invited to attend the forthcoming Diwali festival celebrations at the Mandir. Chopda Pujan will be on Friday 5th November 2010. Ankot Darsan and New Year celebrations will be on Saturday 6th November 2010. Full details are available on page 6 and also on our website.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MANDIR AND BAPA'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

We will be celebrating the Mandir's 10th Anniversary and Bapa's 211th Birthday from the 10th to 14th November 2010. This is a five day programme - details of which are on the following pages.

In order to make this a self financing event we are launching a raffle and are taking the liberty of enclosing a book of ten tickets with this newsletter – we do hope that you will be able to support the Mandir in this matter. A postage paid envelope is also enclosed for your convenience and therefore please return the ticket stubs with your remittance, preferably by cheque in the envelope provided. If you intend to visit the Mandir, please place the raffle ticket stubs into the envelope provided and accordingly drop into the Donation Box. Furthermore for your information a celebration souvenir booklet is being published - therefore should you wish to advertise or sponsor a page, or part thereof, please contact the Mandir.

RECENT CELEBRATED FESTIVAL

We proudly celebrated Krishna Janmashtmi on 2nd September 2010 and were delighted with the attendance of some 2000 devotees throughout the day. Festivities continued until midnight with Prasad being served from midday until 9.30 pm. We are delighted to report that attendances to all our festivals continue to grow.

MANDIR PARKING

In the interest of our neighbours and under our duty of care the Mandir has booked parking facilities at Coston primary school for Thursday evenings from 6.00 pm until 10.15 pm – which is only 5 minutes walk from the Mandir. A shuttle service is being provided from the car park for the benefit of the devotees. Devotees must avoid parking on adjoining streets and not occupy the parking spaces of

residents, whose support will be needed if we are to apply for planning permission to extend the Mandir. We do not wish to upset our neighbours in any way.

BAPA'S INSPIRATIONS

In our work we are inspired by the life and the message of Jalarambapa. Bapa's message of compassion and love for all human beings is relevant throughout the ages. To this end, we are constantly thinking of better ways of working among ourselves, and utilizing the many dedicated volunteers that support the Mandir. We regularly evaluate our services and the interaction with our devotees. Our ethos from the outset has been transparency in our finances, regular publication of accounts via newsletters and on our website.

ACQUISITION OF 37 /37A OLDFIELD LANE SOUTH, GREENFORD, MIDDLESEX

We are delighted to have purchased the above property on behalf of the Mandir at a cost of £340,840.00. This semi detached house comprises of two self contained flats which and is adjacent to the Mandir. One flat is being occupied by our priest and the second flat has been rented out. Since purchase works have been carried out for drainage as part of maintenance. To acquire this property we could not utilize all our cash reserves as we are obliged under the charity rules to keep six months expenditure as cash reserves. We are therefore grateful to have received interest free loans from certain devotees totaling £148,000. These will be repaid on the dates promised by the Mandir – however with thanks to the generosity of our devotees, £28,000 has already been repaid and the others will be repaid between November 2010 and June 2011 as promised.

MANDIR IMPROVEMENTS / MAINTENANCE

Improving the temple is a time consuming process and naturally requires a maintenance programme. It is therefore important that the correct policies are in place which involves the training of employees and volunteers. Under our duty of care we must ensure that health and safety issues are adhered to and the needs of the devotees are implemented. To that effect we have also recently installed two new air conditioning units. Roofing work is in progress to overcome the day to day wear and tear which will stop current leaks. A new drainage system has also been installed.

EMPLOYEES

We have recently appointed Mr. Saileshbhai Poojara to work full time in the Mandir office as Administrative Assistant. Saileshbhai originates from Kampala and worked previously in the banking sector. We have two priests namely Piyushbhai Mehta and Palkeshbhai Trivedi who are both competent in their jobs. To book the Pujaris for private work such as Havans, Poojas, Kathas, Engagements, Weddings or any religious services, please contact the Mandir. Due to the Mandir serving Prasad from January 2010 seven days a week we have employed one full time cook and several part time assistants.

PERSONNEL AND HEALTH AND SAFETY ADVISORS

The Trustees are obligated to seek the best advice available on employment and Health and Safety matters. To that effect we have therefore appointed Peninsula as our Personnel and Health and Safety Advisors. The Peninsula Group are the country's largest advisors on personnel and Health and Safety matters and are consultants to numerous companies within the UK. We now have the benefit of their

professionalism enabling us to act as progressive employers. Our employees, volunteers and contractors all have to comply with Health and Safety guidelines and where necessary, they will therefore be sent on the relevant training courses. All contractors will be required to comply with the necessary statutory requirements at the commencement of contracts.

WEDDING PACKAGE

The Mandir can offer an attractive package for wedding facilities and is registered for civil marriages. We have in-house Mandap (please see Mandir website for photos) and can conduct Hindu weddings including the catering.

SAPTAS AND OTHER CEREMONIES

We have two Pujaris who are available for private saptah, kathas, engagements and other ceremonies. Please contact the Mandir for details. We have conducted three Saptahs at the Mandir and a further two outside. These were recited by Piyushbhai Mehta.

CHILDREN'S BHAJANS

It is heartening to see so many of our children and young people come every Friday to learn Bhajans and to see them singing on Thursdays. We are glad to see the attendance of many young people on Thursdays and Saturdays. Over 35 children and young people supported by their families and friends took part in an entertaining afternoon of bhajans children and young people on Sunday 8th August 2010. Look out for the next date. This is an event for your diaries.



PROMINENT VISITORS

Hariprasad Swami Swaninrayan Sokhdadham
Jashbhai Saheb of Annapam Mission
Ananand Murti Guruma
Rambapa
Sharadbhai Vyas Dharam Pur
Rajubhai Shasrti Mathura
Vijuben Davda Katarak
Ashishbhai Vyas
Valjibhai Davda

Jay Lakhani
Maheshbhai Bhatt
Narayan Seva-Shram
Kantilal Bhatt Rajkot
Mahvirbapu Palitana
Swani Omkaranani
Ramnikbhai Dave
Lakhabhai Gadhvi

DEVOTEES FROM WITHIN UK

Numerous devotees coming in coaches from within the UK including from Bolton, Manchester, Coventry, Leicester, Watford Gravesend to name a few places visited the mandir to pay homage to Jalaram Bapa as well as took part in Bhajans and shared bhojan.

WEBSITE/ ONLINE DONATIONS

You can now donate to the Mandir ONLINE through our website www.jalarammandir.co.uk. You can see live ceremonies through the website on Thursdays and major event days as well as view previous events on demand. All our former and current newsletters can be downloaded from the website, as well as our latest accounts. A new website will be launched on 14 November 2010. You can email to us directly info@jalarammandir.co.uk

HAITI EARTHQUAKE

Through the generosity of all our devotees the Mandir donated £4,240 towards the Haiti earthquake relief



**SHREE JALARAM MANDIR GREENFORD
UNAUDITED MANAGEMENT SUMMARY
8 MONTHS ENDED 31 AUGUST 2010**

INCOME

DONATIONS & COLLECTIONS	310,773
TAX REFUNDS	17,613
BANK INTEREST	636
RENT RECEIVED	1,600

TOTAL INCOME **330,622**

LESS EXPENSES

WAGES	78,678
CATERING & RELATED COSTS	40,954
RUNNING COSTS	83,836
TOTAL EXPENSES	203,469

NET SURPLUS FOR THE PERIOD **127,153**

REPRESENTED BY

	31.08.10	31.12.09
BANK BALANCE	£135,505	230,560
FREEHOLD PROPERTY	£340,840	
LESS CREDITORS AT	-£26,207	-27,574
LOANS OUTSTANDING	-£120,000	
NET BALANCE	£330,139	202,986
INCREASE for 8 Months of 2010	£127,153	

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Are you a tax payer?
Please **gift aid** your
Donations and
The Mandir will receive 28%
Extra from H M Revenue

*Every Thursday Free Car Parking at Coston Primary School Car Park From 6pm to 10.15pm.
Free Shuttle Bus From School Car Park to Mandir and Back
Please park your cars away from Mandir preferably behind VB & Sons car park.
Please do not block any drive-way of the residents as cars will be towed away.
Do not park on pavements. Please, please do not make any noise when leaving*

Jalaram Jayanti and 10th Anniversary Celebrations

DAY	BREAKDOWN OF EVENTS
Wednesday 10th Nov	10.30 – Aarti 1 – 2.30 pm– Prasad 3 – 5.30pm – Akhyan (Jalarambapa’s life history) 5.30 – 6.30 – Bapa’s Wedding with display of large Rotlo in Jupdi 8 - 10pm - Ras Garba (Provisional)
Thursday 11th Nov	10.30 – Aarti 1 – 2.30 pm – Prasad 3 – 5.30pm – Akhyan (Jalarambapa’s life history) 6.30 – 7.30 Bhajans 7.30 Arti 8 – 10pm – Valjibhai Davda & Parivar Bhajan (Matru Seva Mandal)
Fri,day 12th Nov	10.30 – Aarti 1 – 2.30 pm– Prasad 3 – 5.30pm – Akhyan (Jalarambapa’s life history) 6.30 – 7.30 – Normal Mandir Bhajan 7.30 Arti 8 – 10pm – Ras/Garba/Aarti – Music by Atulbhai & Aditiben 12midnight – Bapa’s Birthday Aarti
Saturday 13th Nov	9 - 10am – Puja (no charge) 10.30 – Aarti (all together) 11 – 1.30pm - Regular Saturday 21 Hanuman Chalisa 12.30 onward – Ankot Darshan 1pm – 9.30pm – Prasad 3pm – 6pm – Bhajans 6.30 – 7.15pm – Bavani 7.15 – 7.30pm - Cake Cutting Ceremony 7.30 – 8pm – Maha Aarti 8pm – 10pm – Bhajans Regular Bhaktos
Sunday 14th Nov	1.30 -230 pm Play/Performances 2 - 5pm - Bhajans 5 - 5.30 - Speech 5.30 - 6pm - Cake Cutting Ceremony (Bapa’s, Nehru’s and Prince Charles Birthdays) 6pm – Aarti 6.30 - 8.30 – Prasad

Diwali & New Year programme

*Chopda Pujan and Aarti – Friday 5th November 2010 from 8pm to 11pm
Ankot (Rajbhog) Darsan and New Year Celebrations – Saturday, 6th November 2010*

Saturday: 21 Hanuman Chalisa from 11am to 1.30pm followed by Prasad

Saturday/Sunday: Sponsored Bhajans - Afternoons from 2 to 6pm

Thursday: Bhajans from 6.30pm to 10pm with Aarti at 7.30pm & Prasad

Friday: Teaching Bhajans from 8pm to 9.30pm

Mandir Regular Activities

Monday and Wednesday: 11am - 2pm - Ladies Activity Centre

Tuesday: 12am - 3pm - Gents Activity Centre (Yoga, Bhajan/Kirtan & lunch)

Trustees: Councillor Rajnibhai C. Khiraya (President), Rashmibhai Chatwani (Vice President), Councillor Dhirajbhai Kataria (Secretary), Sharadbhai Bhimjiyani (Treasurer), Dr. Mansukhbhai Morjaria (Assistant Secretary), Manishbhai Popat (Assistant Treasurer), Rajnibhai Davda, Prakashbhai Gandecha, Rajnibhai Thakrar, Pramilaben Davda (co-opted).