

Shree Jalaram Mandir – Greenford

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Report of the Board of Trustees – Shree Jalaram Mandir – Greenford.

The Board of RAMA has pleasure in forwarding to you the Diwali edition of the Mandir Newsletter. We sincerely hope that you will find it of interest. We are committed to sending the Newsletter regularly in order to keep the devotees in contact with the happenings at the Mandir.

In line with Sant Shree Jalaram Bapa's ethos we have continued with the Sadavrat activity, serving free meals seven days a week at the Mandir, which we commenced on the 9th January 2010. We are proud to say that the weekly numbers have kept increasing. As a continuation of the Sadavrat activity, we have since May 2012, with the Sathya Sai Narayan Seva Centre started serving Prasad to the homeless, twice a week. With the blessing of Pujya Bapa we have to date served nearly 3500 meals. The experience of serving the homeless is very different to serving the devotees at the Mandir as this has given an entirely different dimension to the Sadavrat activity. We pray to Pujya Bapa that this commitment to serve the needy may last for years to come.

The current Board's objective is to be completely transparent in all the financial aspects of our Mandir and has been lauded by one and all; and to this end regular financial updates have been supplied to the devotees through announcements, the website and our Newsletter. It gives me great pleasure to confirm the current surplus for the first seven months of the year, stands at £ 85,769 as at 31 July 2012. The Board's commitment to submitting yearly accounts to the Charity Commission on time has always been achieved.

Furthermore, for the last two years the Mandir has been invited by the Greenford British Legion to participate for the Remembrance Day parade and the laying of the wreath. We have continued to collect donations for the Legion and are proud to be associated and recognised as part of the greater Greenford community.

The Mandir expansion programme has taken a further step by the appointment of an Architect to oversee the design and build of a new mandir. This will enable us to provide sufficient and acceptable facilities to create a modern Mandir with the Community Centre at the heart of it.

I take this opportunity to thank the entire Board, the devotees and the many volunteers who have assisted the Mandir in achieving its objectives.

Wishing you all a Very Happy Diwali and a Prosperous New Year.

Jai Shree Krishna and Jai Jalaram.

Cllr. Rajni C. Khuroya



Shree Ram Navmi Yajman Jhulave Parnu



Shree Ram Navmi Bhakta Gana

Diary of Events Celebrated at Shree Jalaram Mandir – Greenford.

Sunday 1st April 2012 – Shree Ram Navmi was celebrated with full fanfare. Palkeshbhai conducted the Yajman Pooja and Piyushbhai narrated the Chopais from Tulsidasji's Ramacharitamans keeping the audience enthralled. At noon when the birth of Shri Ram was announced, the audience spontaneously went into raptures. The air was vibrant with singing of "Dashrath Gher Anand Bhayo Jay Raghuvir Lalki..." and "Kaushalyana Kunver Tamari Aarti...". Arrangements were in place for everyone present to have an opportunity to 'Parnu Jhulavanu'. Nearly 1100 people had Ferari Prasad.

Friday 6th April 2012 – Hanuman Jayanti was celebrated with **Recitation of 108 Hanuman Chalisa Paath**. The popular Hindu festival of Hanuman Jayanti commemorates the birth of Lord Hanuman which comes on the Purnima (Full Moon) of the month of Chaitra. The event was very well attended. Groupings were so arranged that all those who wished to participate in reciting and offering a 'ladu' were accommodated.

Friday 13th to Sunday 15th April – Shree Jalaram Aakhyaan. One does not frequently hear of Shree Jalaram Aakhyaan. The Mandir is proud to celebrate this event regularly. Palkeshbhai wonderfully explained 'Satsangno Mahima', brought profoundly touching incidents of Shree Jalaram Bapa, Shree Hariramji Bapa and Shree Bhojalaram Bapa to life, supporting his narration with appropriate Bhajans and Dhoon. Many of Pujya Jalaram Bapa's Parchaas were narrated in a lucid manner with the audience held rapt. Bapa's wedding event was dramatised and the starting of Sadavrat by Pujya Bapa and Virbai Ma was highlighted with Rotla Darshan. The attendance remained high on all the three days. Even the Online Viewers' figures remained encouragingly high. Over Thirteen Hundred meals were served during the two sessions on Saturday, with all due credit to the kitchen staff. In his speech after the Purnahuti, President Rajnibhai very impressively brought home the point that, what the Mandir lacked in terms of gold plated shikhar, sandalwood doors or carved marble interior was more than compensated in having a warm aavkaro and equally warm meal in the Sadavrat. He acknowledged the tremendous hard work put in by a number of people in the background. The thunderous applause in return was evidence enough of their agreement.

Tuesday 3rd July 2012 – Guru Purnima – Shree Jalaram Bapa's Paduka Poojan

This very auspicious day was celebrated by Samuha Paduka Poojan starting at 9 am and ending with the morning Aarti. Nearly forty couples participated reverently in the aptly conducted Poojan by the Mandir's Shastriji-duo.



Shree Jalaram Aakhyaan



Shree Rotla Darshan



Ealing Council 5★ Rating



Samuha Satyanarayan Pooja

Sunday 29th July 2012 – Children’s Bhajan Programme - This was 11th of such programmes conducted with a view to encourage and unveil hidden talent in our young devotees. Regular Bhajan classes are conducted in the Mandir premises every Friday evening. 44 participants, youngest being 3 yrs. old, took part showing their talent in singing Bhajan and story-telling. Once again the standard displayed was hearteningly high making Guruji Arvindbhai proud and look back with satisfaction. A special booklet prepared by Kishorbhai was published for the event with the cover page being artistically designed by Akash Ruparelia, a young devotee and a participant. Hats off to all those who contributed to make the programme a grand success.

Fri 18th May – Inspection by Ealing Council Officer - In response to the Mandir’s appeal to the Ealing Council, there was an inspection held on Friday the 18th May 2012 by its officer who satisfied with the Food and Hygiene standards of the Mandir upgraded the star rating. A certificate was received on 19th of June showing the New Food and Hygiene Rating of Five. The Mandir lauds everyone who helped achieve this and urges everyone concerned to help maintain it.

Monday 21st May 2012 – British Heart Foundation Heart Kit Training - In order to maintain and upgrade the Mandir, many Trustees, volunteers and members of the staff have had the opportunity to attend courses including **Food & Hygiene, First Aid and Fire Safety**. The BHF Heart Kit Training Programme was similarly attended by volunteers and Staff of the Mandir who continuously strive to keep abreast with the need of the hour.

Tuesday 4th September 2012 – Samuha Satyanarayan Pooja and Katha - Ladies of the Jalaram Activity Group very successfully organised Samuha Satyanarayan Pooja and Katha which was actively participated and well attended.

Friday 27th July to 31st August 2012 - Summer Cultural Classes for Children and Adults were conducted every Friday morning from 11am to 1pm. Nearly 40 Participants regularly attended learning Mantras, Prayers, Meaning of Hinduism and Basic Yoga Asanas from Shastriji Piyushbhai, Palkeshbhai, Naliniben, Jaishreeben, Amritbhai, Mansukhbhai and Jayubhai. It was heartening to see our religious and cultural values being instilled in these young ones and refreshed in the mature attendees.



Summer Cultural Classes



Kishorbhai Monitoring Live Streaming



The Diamond Jubilee Celebrations



Distributing Food to the Homeless

Food for the Homeless From Monday 14th May 2012, our Mandir has joined hands with Shree Sathya Sai Narayan Seva Sanstha, which has been doing this commendable activity for the past 17 years. Each Monday The Sai Group prepares about 325 goodie bags of assorted food items and an equal number of Hot Food containers. We contribute some Hot Food (Pasta or Rice & Curry), and some fruits and biscuits, drive to Lincoln's Inn Place and distribute the Goodie Bags and the Food Packets to the vast number of Homeless people who are queued up in a self disciplined manner. Everyone present receives his/her share of the food and each in his/her own way, gratefully acknowledges it. Hot tea and biscuits are served from a separate temporary stall. For all of us this has been a very touching, humbling and fulfilling experience. May Bapa give us the strength to carry on with this extended Sadavrat activity. Mr.Vadgama acknowledges that their food store remains fuller after Jalaram Mandir - Greenford joined them.

Integration within the local community has been our key focus. ❖ The Mandir is closely liaising with the Greenford Residents Association and Met Police. We also extended help to the Greenford Police Forum and the Met Police in successfully organising a **Charity Concert on Wednesday 25th April 2012** for Raising Funds for a Local Summer Youth Project. Mandir devotees Sandeepbhai and Hiteshbhai of Spot Colour Printers printed Brochures and Tickets free of cost. An Indian Classical Dance was presented by sisters Pooja, Krishna and Gita Mistry as Mandir's item on the show. ❖ Mandir's veteran volunteer Shri Shantibhai Popat and like minded friends, supported by the Mandir, celebrated **The Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II** at the Tithe Farm Hall on **Sunday 3rd June 2012**. Cllr. Michael Adeyeye, The Honorable Mayor of Harrow & Lord Dolar Popat graced the occasion and gave speeches befitting the occasion. Mandir's Ladies Activity Centre presented colourful Garba & Raas to an appreciative audience.

RAMA Update : AGM of Sunday 22nd April 2012 – As per the RAMA Constitution three existing Trustees Cllr. Rajnibhai Khiroya, Mr. Sharadbhai Bhimjiyani and Mr. Mansukhbhai Morjaria retired and were re-elected unopposed at the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 22nd April 2012. Cllr. Rajnibhai Khiroya was re-elected by the Board of Trustees to continue as the President. **31st May 2012** - Amritlalbhai Rajani and Dr. Jayubhai Morjaria joined to serve RAMA as Co-opted Trustees.

Gift of Sight to the poor and the needy people of Rural India Our mandir is joining hands with the Shivanand Mission's Virnagar Hospital to give the Gift of Sight to the needy people of Gujarat through efforts of Amritbhai Rajani. The first of the eighteen camps booked for us was successfully conducted at Ghed Madhavpur on 16th August 2012 where 296 patients were seen and 37 patients successfully operated upon. With the Sponsor's extra generosity, a Free Dental Camp was also simultaneously conducted. The 2nd Camp was on 29th September 2012 at Charakhadi (near Virpur) where Bapa started his Sadavrat in early 1876 and later moved it to Virpur. 267 patients were seen and 18 were operated upon. This camp was sponsored by Mrs. Tarlaben Triklamal Bhimjiyani and family who have also been instrumental in restarting the Sadavrat activity at Charakhadi earlier this year.

**Shree Jalaram Mandir – Greenford – UK
Unaudited Management Summary
7 months ended 31st July 2012**

Income	£
Donations, Collections & Tax refunds	332,022
Bank Interest	504
Rent Received	6,300
Total Income	338,826
Less Expenses	
Wages	111,340
Catering & Related Costs	59,511
Running Cost	70,539
Depreciation	11,667
Total Expenses	253,057
Net Surplus for the period	85,769

Sincere Thanks from The Board of Trustees to...

- **Our Monthly Sponsors of the Live Streaming.**
Aarti on Thursday evenings, 21 Hanuman Chalisa Path on Saturday mornings, sponsored Bhajan Programmes and other special events are telecast regularly and according to the last statistics were viewed in 24 countries by over 2,000 unique viewers. Excess of 100,000 minutes of viewing through 10,000 streams was recorded. August viewing figures were nearly 50% higher than those of July. Even YouTube with just 3 uploads had 1346 views in 22 countries.
- **Our Coston School Car Park Sponsors.**
Every Thursday evening your support helps us keep 75 to 95 cars off the street, thus relieving tension in the neighbourhood.