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WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR

2017 — What a year it has been . . .

A very significant year for Shree Jalaram Mandir following successful planning permission to rebuild a new Mandir and Community Centre at our Greenford site and the move to our temporary location at Perivale.

The New Building project contract was awarded to Vascroft Contractors Ltd. The building work has been progressing well after overcoming some hurdles. The waste drain pipes had to be redirected so as to be away from under the new building.

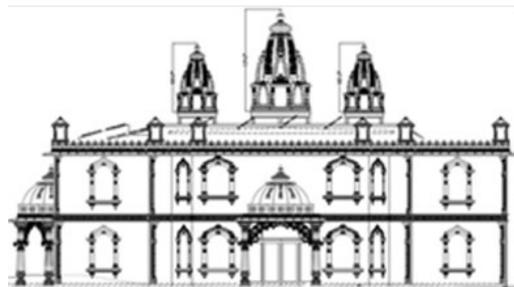
After demolition of the old building, Bhoomi Pooja and Shila Ropan (Foundation Ceremony) the building work commenced just before Diwali. About 1500 Ram Naam books, written by devotees totalling over 16 million mantras, were placed in the foundation trenches in an early morning ceremony. Imagine the positive vibes these mantras will generate for years to come through the floors and walls of the new building.

All these events and ceremonies were attended by

hundreds of devotees and supporters of the Mandir. The basement slab-work was completed ready for ground floor by start of the festive season of Christmas.

Thanks to the faith, devotion, support of the Devotees, Volunteers, Staff, Board of Trustees and most importantly the Donors that our Mandir activities continued as normal. Sadavrat also continued as normal from day one of the move to the temporary location.

Our Vision in pictures



Visit the Mandir and the Websites

The Mandir is temporarily located at 2 Wadsworth Road, Perivale, UB6 7JD and it is open daily from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm and on Thursday to 10:00 pm. Daily aarti times are 10:30 am and 7:30 pm with nitya prarthna and bhajans from 6:30 pm. Sadavrat Prasad is served daily from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

and additionally on Thursday from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

For devotees who cannot visit the Mandir regularly continue to enjoy darshan and remain updated by visiting www.jalarammandir.co.uk.

Live broadcast on Thursday evenings and Saturday

mornings on www.jalaram.tv continues to attract audiences internationally.



Building News

With the blessings of Bapa, the Board of Trustees have pleasantly overcome all challenges faced during the Planning phase, finding and moving to another site, finding the right demolition and building contractors at very reasonable costs to the Mandir etc.

The new building work has commenced with the basement slab-work completed just before Christmas 2017 slightly ahead of schedule. However, there still remains a shortfall in the building funds, but our view remains that the support of devotees and community at large, enough donations and/or loans will

be received to fill the gap.

This new building of Shree Jalaram Mandir and Community Centre will be, for all of us, a lifetime opportunity to be able to participate in the development of it. The only Mandir of its kind being built in Europe if not the world.

The Mandir requests you all to participate by way of "tan, man and dhan" i.e. as devotee, as volunteer and as donor and be part of a legacy in progress.

Any amount of donation is welcome and there are also the following schemes in place.

- Donate a brick at £251 and receive a Gold Plated Silver Memorabilia Coin
- £1,001 Name on a Silver Plated Strip
- £2,501 Name on Gold Plated Strip
- £5,001 Name on a 6x9 Silver Plated Plate
- £10,001 Name on a 6x9 Gold Plated Plate
- £20,000+ Name on a 10x12 Gold Plated Plate

For larger donations contact any Trustee.

"If you really want to do something, you'll find a way. If you don't you'll find an excuse"

Bapa's Youth Corner

BY continues to grow and we've had an incredibly exciting and successful 2017. We'd like to thank everyone for their ongoing support and look forward to seeing you all at our future events!

Bhajan classes:

Our fortnightly bhajan classes have been a hit with all the children and parents! With over 20 children attending each class, they leave extremely happy and energised for the day ahead! These classes will continue to run throughout 2018 and we welcome any interested children to join!

Holi:

March 2017 marked the return of our successful Holi at SKLPC, Northolt. People of all ages and backgrounds attended, with over 1000 people coming together on this auspicious day. Holi 2018 is fast approaching and we promise to make it bigger and better than ever!

Akhand dhun:

This year, BY hosted two 24-hour akhand dhuns that attracted hundreds of devotees; one in April and the other in September. We were delighted to have attracted some of the UK's most renowned bhajan

mandalis and also create a very positive energy and atmosphere in our mandir.

Mehfil:

BY provided assistance before, during and after the Diwali Mehfil in October - from decorating prior to the event, cooperating and communicating throughout the event and clearing up after. For all, it was an enjoyable night that raised an enormous amount of money for the New Building Fund.



Bhajan Class sing Shree Ram Jai Ram at 24 hour Akhand Dhun

Minibus News

To experience Bapa's miracles we do not have to go very far as one can see from the story below.

At Greenford, upon making arrangements with Coston Primary School to use their parking facilities on Thursdays, Jaysukhbhai Mistry volunteered to provide service to transport devotees from the car park to the Mandir and back in his own minibus.

Thakrar family of HKS Retail donated a 15 seater minibus which was used to transport devotees when Jaysukhbhai was not available.

It was also used to transport food and goody bags for the homeless in the West End every Tuesday.

In October 2017 another 9 seater minibus was donated

by our building contractors, Vascroft, just about the time when the old minibus failed its MOT (Bapa's Miracle?).



Achievements and Seva Satisfaction

From time to time Mandir receives recognition and achievement awards which make us proud of the efforts of people connected with the Mandir.

Under the Mayor's Kitchen Social Programme, the Mandir provides food to children during school holidays; who may otherwise go hungry.

Food donations received from Felix Project and Harrow Food Bank helps towards feeding the needy.

Any excess grocery is shared with other Temples, Gurudwa-

ras, Churches and Food Banks.

The Mandir paid respect by laying a wreath at the Greenford War Memorial and also at Ealing War Memorial.

Presentations on Sanatan Dharama, Jalaram Bapa and our Mandir were made to over 300 school children from William Perkin's and Woodend Academy.

Sadavrat at Greenford Mandir achieved it's 8th Anniversary.

Prayers performed at opening meeting at the invitation of



Palkeshbhai singing prayer at the Houses of Parliament

the Worshipful Mayor of the London Borough of Ealing Councillor Simon Woodroffe.

Mandir helped with the Diwali Celebration at the Houses of Parliament with a speech by Joint President Rashmibhai Chatwani



Five star rating for our kitchen by Ealing Council

Mandir Events and Activities

The year 2017 kicked off with chanting 108 Hanuman Chalisa on the New year's day and celebrating Republic day of India in January.

On Jalaram Bapa's 136th Purnya Tithi prayers were sung by reciting 108 Jalaram Bavni.

Maha Shivratri was celebrated by conducting Pooja every hour and Maha Pooja at 9 pm.

Holi was celebrated with Colour Festival organised by Bapa's Youth and thereafter by lighting of the holi fire in the SKPLC grounds.

Chaitri Navratri was celebrated with Raas Garba and Durgastmi Havan followed by Ram Navmi Utsav with Pooja, Bhajans and Parnu Joola darshan.

Hanuman Jayanti in April was celebrated by chanting 108 Hanuman Chalisa.

Guru Purnima Paduka Pujan took place in July.

Jalaram Ladies Activity group managed samuh Randal Mataji 54 LoFa Utsav feeding 400 gornies and a far larger number of devotees.

India's Independence Day was celebrated by singing National Anthem with patriotic participation by those attending.

Shastri Shree Palkeshbhai introduced a 10 day celebration of Ganesh Chaturthi in August with different Annakutta darshan everyday and bhajans in the evenings.

Janmastmi celebrated with Krishna Katha and Bhajans till midnight. On this day we were blessed from a visit by Swami Adhyatmanandji, Pujya Sahebji and other dignitaries from Anoopam Mission.

Navratri, Durgastmi Havan and Vijya Dasmii were celebrated in September with, as usual, free entrance.

Sharad Purnima, Dipavli with Chopda Pujan and Nutan Varsh with Annakutta darshan were celebrated in October.

Two events, Gujarati Comedy Play raised in the region of £10,000 and Diwali Dinner and Dance raised over £60,000 towards the Building Fund.

Finally, Tulsi Vivah celebrated in November.

"We have a greater goal to reach and 2018 brings new hopes."

Sponsor an Event

Apart from the New Building Project; Mandir continues to thrive on conducting regular events. These events can be supported by Sponsoring them as below.

In Mandir Events:

- £101 for Daily Sadavrat
- £301 for Saturday Hanuman Chalisa
- £301 for Monthly Live Broadcast

- £351 for Thursday Aarti
- £1,301 for sponsored Bhajans and Prasad (excluding Mandali)

Mandir Supported Events:

- £151 for Food for the homeless
- £95 for Dental Camp
- £190 for Eye Camp

- £75 for Charakhdi Batuk Bhojan

Enquiries are welcome for:

- Civil and Hindu Wedding Ceremonies
- Saptah, Katha etc. (including Prasad)

About Mandir



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Shree Jalaram Mandir—Greenford UK began its journey in the year 2000. It is a unique Mandir and a Community Centre for the community encouraging participation by all members of the communities.

A hub for community at large providing spiritual needs and community activities helping with social care and eliminating financial burden from the critically stretched local councils.

We encourage communities and school children to understand Sanatan Dharma (Hindu Religion) through presentations and participation.

A Mandir that serves Sadavrat Prasad (free meals) from 5 star rated kitchens to over 2000 people every week including homeless people in the West End three times a week. We joined British Heart Foundation's Social Cooking Programme; winning Top Prize of Heart Hero Award.

The Mandir supports local charities like St. Luke's Hospice, Diabetes UK, British Heart Foundation, British Legion Greenford etc.

The Mandir also supports eye camps, dental camps, Charakhdi batuk bhojan (Prasad) in Gujarat in India.

The Mandir management committee comprises of 13 members of the Board of Trustees helped by Staff and Volunteers.

Message from the Board of Trustees

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

In October 2008 the newly elected Board of Trustees took over the reins of running the Mandir. The Committee respects and appreciates the trust and support that has been given to us by its members and hope you will agree that we have not let the Mandir down.

Our top priority has always been to maintain transparency, including in finance. We have endeavored to do this through the various means of communications by the Mandir.

We would like to thank you all for your dedication and support to the Mandir to date and we hope and pray that it will continue in the years to come.

It gives us great pleasure that so many people, nationally and internationally, support the Mandir in so many different ways. We heartily appreciate the support given to the Mandir by our Priests, Devotees, Volunteers, Staff and Donors without whom we would not be able to run the Mandir.

Our vision has been to build a bigger, better, eco-friendly Mandir to facilitate the needs of our expanding community. In 2017, we have come closer to reaching that dream with the basement now completed and work on the ground floor in progress.

Our hope and prayers are that we move into the new building by the end of this year or very early next year.

For those who are interested in finding out more information about the project and progress visit our website.

Whilst great progress has been made for the new Mandir, we have not quite reached our target goal for the New Building Fund. We are so grateful for all the donations received and we request that all the devotees continue to remain generous. No amount is too small or large.

You may donate any amount and if you are a tax payer and you Gift Aid your donation; Mandir can claim 25% from HMRC. In 2017 Mandir collected over £90,000 from HMRC through Gift Aided donations.

Jai Shree Krishna & Jai Jalaram

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