

# Shree Jalaram Mandir, Greenford

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Newsletter, Issue 1

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## MESSAGE FROM THE TRUSTEES

This is the first newsletter from the new Committee of Trustees, which was elected on 19th October 2008. Trustees have decided to include details of our finances for the first four months and relevant news about the Mandir. It is hoped that trustees will issue Newsletters quarterly.

Happy New Year. We hope you have had a good start to the New Year, and would like to thank you all for your ongoing support. Especially your support during Chopda Poojan, Ankot, Jalaram Jayanti, Hanuman Chalisa on New Year's Day, Shiv Ratri and Holi.

Shree Jalaram Mandir is **your Mandir** and the trustees request you all to participate in the Mandir's activities. Mandir is there to service the spiritual needs of devotees and we intend to do just that. In the long run trustees wish to extend the Mandir as a "community centre". A list of the forthcoming events is included in this newsletter. We have a regular weekly highlight on Thursday Bhajans and Saturday "21 Hanuman Chalisa". Both events are followed by "Prasad". We are glad to state that attendances have been increasing.

On 25<sup>th</sup> December 2008 we had Bhajans from well known bapa devotee, Valjibhai Dawda of Jalaram Matru Seva Mandal. We also recited "108 Hanuman Chalisa" on the new years day. This event was attended by around 400 devotees during the morning session and around 700 devotees in the evening session. On 23rd February 2009 we celebrated Shiv Ratri, which was attended by a large number of devotees. Our Holi Festival was attended by a large number of devotees.

Organising all the activities including Prasad for such a high number of devotees in a small place like our Mandir is a big task which require lot of resources. We are grateful to volunteers who devote their time on a regular basis to make the events of the Mandir a success.

In the coming months, we intend to increase our regular activities. Currently we have a ladies afternoon on Mondays and Wednesdays. Resources permitting, we would like to organise Gujarati classes for our youths and English classes for the elderly. We would like to appeal to volunteers to come forward for this task.

This is **YOUR MANDIR** and it is up to you to attend the various functions and participate in various activities. We are here to see that the resources of the Mandir are organised for your benefit; that the finances are used for your benefit and that there is transparency in our financial matters. We will publish our finances regularly. On the final page you will find our Mission, Vision, Values and Objectives, which will guide us in our conduct. The income and expenditure figures for the first four months are on page three.

## NEW TRUSTEES

Elected on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2008

Raj nibhai Chotalal Khiroya	President
Rajnikantbhai Morarji Thakrar	Vice President
Prakashbhai Gandecha	Secretary
Mansukhbhai Govindji Morjaria	Assistant Secretary
Sharadbhai Trikamlal Bhimjiyani	Treasurer
Manishbhai Laxmidas Popat	Assistant Treasurer
Rashmibhai Jamnadas Chatwani	Trustee
Raj nibhai Davda	Trustee
Kiritbhai Vinda	Trustee
Dhirajbhai Jagjivandas Kataria	Trustee (co-opted)
Pramilaben Davda	Trustee (co-opted)



From Left to Right: Manishbhai Popat, Raj nibhai Davda, Rashmibhai Chatwani, Raj nibhai Khiroya, Raj nibhai Thakrar, Sharadbhai Bhimjiyani, Dhirajbhai Kataria, Mansukhbhai Morjaria, Pramilaben Davda  
Absent: Kiritbhai Vinda and Prakashbhai Gandecha

## COMMITTEES

### Finance

Rashmibhai Chatwani (Chair), Raj nibhai Thakrar, Sharadbhai Bhimjiyani, Manishbhai Popat

### Operations

Mansukhbhai Morjaria (Chair), Raj nibhai Davda, Pramilaben Davda, Raj nibhai Thakrar

### Legal

Raj nibhai Khiroya (Chair), Dhirajbhai Kataria, Prakashbhai Gandecha, Rashmibhai Chatwani

### Health & Safety

Raj nibhai Khiroya (Chair), Mansukhbhai Morjaria, Manishbhai Popat, Pramilaben Davda

### Editorial

Dhirajbhai Kataria (Chair), Mansukhbhai Morjaria

<b>FORTHCOMING</b>	<b>PROGRAMS</b>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shri Ram Navmi (Abhijit Muhuart 12:43 to 13:34)
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Shree Hanuman Jayanti – 108 Hanuman Chalisa
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Akshay Treej
<b>JUNE</b>	
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Vat Savitri Vrat begins
<b>JULY</b>	
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Molakat
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Molakat Jagaran
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Guru Purnima (Paduka Poojan Mandir)
	Jaya Parvati Vrat
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Jaya Parvati Jagaran
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Devaso (Solar Eclipse will not be visible from here)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sharvan Mas begins
<b>AUGUST</b>	
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Raksha Bundhun
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Nag Pancham
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Randhan Chhath
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Sheetlasatam
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Shree Krishna Janmashtami

<b>SHREE JALARAM MANDIR GREENFORD FOUR MONTHS INCOME &amp; EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 20 OCTOBER 2008 TO 28 FEBRUARY 2009</b>		
	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>		
Donations & Collections		85,908
<b>LESS EXPENSES</b>		
Wages & PAYE	13,167	
Fixtures & Equipment	2,713	
Repairs & Refurbishments	8,469	
Running Costs	24,995	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>49,344</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS</b>		<b>36,564</b>
<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>		
Bank Balances		<b>Elected</b>
	<b>28/02/2009</b>	<b>18/10/2008</b>
<b>Total Balance at Bank</b>	106,461	59,597
Bills Outstanding to Pay	-17,100	-6,800
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>89,361</b>	<b>52,797</b>
<b>NET INCREASE</b>	<b>36,564</b>	
Dated 17 March 2009		

## Mandir Regular Activities

### Monday and Wednesday:

10am - 2pm - Ladies Activity Centre  
(Activities include  
Yoga, Bhajan/Kirtan,  
lectures/presentations on issues  
relating to women, helping with  
mandir activities followed by a lunch)

**Tuesday:** 10am - 2pm - Gents  
Activity Centre (Yoga, Bhajan/Kirtan,  
presentation on health issues followed  
by a lunch)

**Thursday:** Bhajan from 6.30pm to  
10pm with Prasad at 7.45pm

**Saturday:** 21 Hanuman Chalisa from  
11.15 to 1.30pm followed by Prasad

(Yajman's for the above events are welcome)

**Saturday/Sunday:** Private Bhajans -  
Afternoons from 2 to 6pm and  
Evenings from 8 -10pm

### Daily Mandir Programme:

Aarti - Monday to Sunday at 10.30am  
and 7.30pm

Normal Bhajan: Monday to Sunday  
from 6.30 to 8pm

# Shree Jalaram Mandir, Greenford

## **Our Mission**

- The advancement of the Hindu culture and religion
- To follow the concept as laid down in Hindu scriptures to propagate the message of Jalarambapa.
- To provide place of worship, venue for the spiritual activities and self development.
- To provide venue for suitable community activities.

## **Our Vision**

- To cater for people's needs of community centre/Mandir.
- To increase the weekly "Prasad" from current two to three days a week within this year.
- To have a website running soon so that devotees can get up to date news via internet and can communicate with us via emails.
- To make the Mandir the "Vipurdham" of London

## **Our Values**

- To be accountable.
- To run the devotees' Mandir for the devotees.
- To be transparent in our finances and to publish our accounts regularly.
- To value all people and treat them with respect, fairness, integrity and compassion.
- To organise the Mandir's activities in such a way that we respond positively to the spiritual needs of devotees.
- To organise further activities so that the Mandir provides a community environment to devotees.
- To provide a positive atmosphere so that devotees feel welcome and appreciated.
- To enable volunteers to devote their full part in the Mandir's activities.
- To demonstrate that we are an effective and relevant organisation.
- To continually strive for excellence in all we do.
- To be an innovative and forward thinking organisation.

## **Our Objectives**

- To find out what our devotees want and to respond accordingly by delivering services.
- To reach out to more people by getting more people to support us.
- To achieve wider community cohesion, understanding and unity.
- To support each other in the time of need.
- To encourage next generation to understand and appreciate Hindu culture and religion.