

Jalaram Mandir Greenford

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Editorial

This is the second newsletter from the current Trustees. We appreciate that accountability and transparency should be at the forefront and to succeed in our mission and objectives. This includes especially the financial transactions of Jalaram Mandir, which is a charitable organisation. The first sets of accounts were published in December 2008, within two months of being elected. In our first newsletter, we published accounts to February 2009, and in this newsletter we are publishing accounts to June 2009, covering a period of eight months. Over this period, after expenditure, there is surplus of £82,385 after spending £21,909 for refurbishment of the premises and £8,906 for equipment.

Development

Noticeable and required improvements to the premises have been implemented including maintenance, for which there was a need. Besides the physical fabric of the Mandir, to continue to thrive and succeed there is a need to improve the skills of the Trustees, employees and volunteers and from time to time, when appropriate, participants should undertake training and attend courses. Nine of the eleven Trustees have attended a professionally organised full day course in June that touched on Governance issues concerning Trustees responsibilities and duties and charities organisation. This was very useful and gave us a good insight about the regulatory framework and the legal responsibilities of the Trustees. We will be sending our kitchen staff on further catering courses and are also considering First Aid and Health and Safety courses for our staff and volunteers.

Website

The Mandir's website is now operational. Please visit www.jalarammandir.co.uk. You will find the latest news, forthcoming programs, our latest accounts and other information. If you wish to be advised by email about forthcoming programs, please send an email to info@jalarammandir.co.uk. We will then put you on our list and will be notified automatically.

Car parking

Mandir's programs continue to be well attended. The Thursday Bhajans regularly attract many devotees. The Trustees are conscious of the environmental as well as general issues and would recommend where possible for devotees to use public transport or where car use is necessary to share lifts. The devotees have to continue to be considerate to the neighbours, and therefore it is important that to avoid using the surrounding residential streets and use the car parks instead. **Car parking has been arranged at Costons Primary School**, which is five minutes' walk from the Temple. This will be available on Thursdays from 6 to

10.15 pm. A shortcut for this is to take Costons Lane on Greenford Road. This road is opposite the Chinese takeaway. Can we request you to use this facility, which is hired by Mandir and funded by donations? May we remind you that after 6 pm the car park opposite Greenford Town Hall is free; please make full use of this. Please under no circumstances block any driveways.

Functions

Functions have been celebrated with full participation. Shivratri on 17th March 2009, Ram Navami on 3rd May 2009 and the Hanuman Jayanti on 9th May 2009. Stephen Pound MP, Borough Commander Sultan Taylor and Sergeant Paul Bennett from Metropolitan Police, Councillors and other dignitaries were guests and our thanks to Mr. Abhaybhai Lakhani for his support. On the 10th June 2009 the Ladies Activity Centre celebrated its third anniversary. On 11th June 2009, the Mandir hosted Bhajans by Shree Jalaram Matru Seva Mandal of Valjibhai Davda and Parivar which were appreciated by devotees of all ages. Photographs are published in this newsletter. Our regular Bhajans on Thursdays and Hanuman Chalisa on Saturdays continue to attract more people. On Mondays and Wednesdays the Mandir holds a Ladies Activity Centre and on Tuesdays Gents Activity Centre. We could not organise the activities on such a scale without the commitment of volunteers and the devotees whose dedication is commendable. We thank them whole heartedly.

Do not forget the Krishna Janmastami Utsav on Friday 14 August 2009 starts at 10.30 am and will end at 11.30 pm, followed by Krishna janam at midnight. Shrimad Bhagvat Saptha will be from 5 to 12 September between 2.30 pm to 5.30 pm, followed by Aarti and Prasad. To be yajman on any day, please contact Pramilaben or Rajnibhai Davda.

CHARAKDHI – BAPA’S OTHER HOME

We all know that Puja Jalarambapa was born in Virpur and lived most of his life there. During my recent visit to India, I was surprised to learn from someone in Jaipur, that Bapa had spent his younger days in a village called Charakdhi, in the Gondal District, and that Bapa used to walk from there to Virpur. Charakdhi, is not far from Virpur (by car about twenty minutes), and has a population of about 5000. As we were going to Virpur, we decided to go to Charakdhi as well. We had the privilege of visiting the place where Bapa used to live and this is currently known as Jalaram Mandir and the local people come to do darshana daily and they hold Bhajans on Thursdays. I am informed that the Sada Vrat was started from here and at the time Mitho Bhath (rice and sugar was served). Bapa spent about ten years here.

Sharadbhai Trikamlal Bhimjiyani

Trustees: Messrs. Rajnibhai Chhotalal Khiroya (President), Rajnibhai Morarji Thakerar (Vice-President), Prakashbhai Gandecha (secretary), Sharadbhai Trikamlal Bhimjiyani (Treasurer), Manishbhai Popat (Assistant Treasurer), Mansukhbhai Morjaria (Assistant Secretary), Rajnibhai Davda, Kiritbhai Vinda, Rashmibhai Chatwani, Dhirajbhai Kataria and Mrs. Pramilaben Davda.



**Virbai Maa's Murti has been donated by family of (late) Trikamlal
Vallabhdas Bhimjiyani and Tarlaben Trikamlal Bhimjiyani**

Forthcoming programmers

August 2009

5/8/09	Wednesday - Raksha Bundhan.
10/8/09	Monday- Nag pancham.
11/8/09	Tuesday- Randhan chhath.
12/8/09	Wednesday-sheetlasatam.
14/8/09	Thursday- Shree Krishna Janmashtami (Krishna's Birthday)
23/8/09	Sunday- Ganesh Utsav begin

September 09

3/9/09	Thursday - Ganesh visharjan.
5/9/09	Saturday- Sharaddh begins.
05/09/09 To 12/09/09	Shrimad Bhagvat Saptha
18/9/09	Friday- Sharaddh finish.
19/9/09	Saturday - Navaratri begins (ghatsthapan).
26/9/09	Durgasthami haven mandir.
28/9/09	Vijya Dashmi (Dashera).

October 09

3/10/09	Saturday-sharad purnima.
15/10/09	Thursday - Dhantrayodashi (dhan pooja).
16/10/09	Friday - Kali chaturdashi.
17/10/09	Saturday- Diwali (Choopda Poojan).
18/10/09	Sunday-New year (Annkot Darshan in mandir).
19/10/09	Monday - Bhaibeej.
25/10/09	Sunday- Shree Jalaram Jayar – Annkot Darshan in mandir.
31/10/09	Saturday - Tulsi Vivah in man

SHREE JALARAM MANDIR GREENFORD

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

20 OCTOBER 2008 TO 30 JUNE 2009

	£	£
INCOME		
DONATIONS & COLLECTIONS		£184,330
GIFT AID REFUNDS		£11,107
TOTAL COLLECTIONS		£195,437
LESS EXPENSES		
WAGES & PAYE	29,587	
FIXTURES & EQUIPMENT	8,906	
Repairs, refurbishment & cleaning	21,909	
RUNNING COSTS	52,650	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		£113,053
NET SURPLUS		£82,385
REPRESENTED by		
BANK BALANCES:	30/06/09	18/1
TOTAL BALANCE AT BANK	155,009	5£
BILLS OUTSTANDING TO PAY	-19,827	-£
TOTAL	£135,182	£52
NET INCREASE IN BALANCE	£82,385	