

: **MANDHATA HITVARDHAK** :

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10, Beverley Road / Wyresdale Road, Bolton

Activities of our Samaj during the year 2006/2007

Secretary: Ruxmaniben T Patel

Our AGM usually takes place in the month of May and with the new committee members, all the festivals and functions are carried out with the help of dedicated volunteers.

H.H Jagadguru Sankracharya Swami Divyanand Teerthji Maharaj – 24th June 2006

Swami's visit was arranged through the Hindu Council North on a warm summer day and nearly 300 disciples gather to listen to Swami's talk. Prior to his sitting he went into our temple for Darsan and he took an Aarti with other guests.

Shree Ramdevji Maharaj visited Krishna Temple on 28th July 2006

Shree Ramdevji's visit to our temple during the week was very short notice but it did not deter people finding out and gathered in large numbers. His seven days Yoga sessions took place at Bolton Indian Sport & Social Club and a large number of people from all walks of life attended. Through his inspiration our Mandir now have regular Yoga sessions on Monday and Friday evenings.

Worshippers from Blackburn Hindu Centre on 13th August 2006

Around fifty worshippers took a coach from Blackburn early in the morning on a jatra of north temples. Tour of the North West Temples started from Blackburn to Leeds, Bradford, Oldham, Ashton-Under-Lyne, Manchester, and Liverpool and finally came to Bolton. We welcome them heartily offering them refreshment before we all sang bhajans, arti and shared prasadi.

Janmashtmi – 16th August 2006 Samuh Bhojan 27th August 2006

Janmashtmi is one festival where even youngsters accompany their parents. Mandir was decorated with Krishna's images everywhere with flickering lights and garlands of flowers. Non- stop flow of flowers and prasadi from devotees piled up. Mandir was in one deep melody of bhajans from devotees. We had two dedicated maharaj and they carried our all the ceremony till midnight. Then we had Bhajan Kirtan on Sunday 27th August followed with Mahaprasadi donated by a Rambhakta.

Evening of Entertainment - Singing Competition 9th September 2006

First of its kind in Bolton where all the communities came together to present their vocals in different melodies. Raamzat of Bhajan, Garba, Film songs, Lokgeet took place with cheers and hail from the audience. High profile judges were present.

Computer, Gujarati, Violin classes & Yoga sessions

This year above classes are introduced in the Mandir and now number of children, youngsters and adults are taking keen interest in different classes and sessions.

Sammelan Wolverhampton – 10th September 2006

This is an annual event when our children participate in the entertainment. Sammelan was well attended. One of our committee members plays vital role in the AMSUK committee as well.

Youth Activities

This year Youth Group decided to take children, youths and adults on a trip to Rosendale Ice Skating rink in Preston in September 2006. After the first trip another visit to Pin Bowling was followed. Now the group have nearly 80 young members keen to promote their talents and extra activities through the youth group. Very soon youth group will have their own constitution and start participating at home and away in games and other activities.

Celebration of 40 Years to The foundation of Mandhata Hitvardak Mandal Bolton 8th October 2006

Formed in 1966 Mandhata Hitvardak Mandal grew from celebrating Indian festivals from hired halls to buying an old church in the centre of Bolton. Our pioneer elders were welcome and honoured who had put the foundation of our Mandal forty years ago. With local dignitaries present, the day was celebrated with the most talented Bhajan Mandal from Coventry and Dinner donated from Rambhakta.

Our Mandal have its own constitution and elected committee. Meeting takes place every six weeks and most of the decisions are made on to day-to-day running of the Mandal. We now have nearly 550 houses of Koli Patels and they are all enlisted on our leaflet distribution list. All the festivals and functions are celebrated. Our mandal is member of AMSUK, The Hindu Council of North and Hindu Forum Bolton. Main hall is used for weddings and samaj functions. Festivals are celebrated in the temple.

Navratri started from 23rd September to 1st October 2006

Traditional Raas and Garba are played at our temple. Our temple seems small at this time of the year when you think all the ladies of Bolton are in our temple! Ganesh Pooja took place everyday and Aatham Havan was well attended.

Diwali and Ankutt 22nd and 23rd October - Diwali Children Show and Musical Band 28th October 2006

Pooja and bhajans took place all morning and people wished each other for the Diwali and the New Year. Ankutt followed on the second day for the pooja and bhajans and devotees shared the Ankutt prasadi. Every year we have entertainment from Indian community children. Diwali show is very special for the children and parents. Children learn to be assertive, make friends and learn cultural activities. This year we had musical group from India and they entertained with their music late till midnight.

Bolton School Girls Division, Bolton visits to Krishna Temple – 24th, 25th, 26th January 2007

As every year small group of girls visited our temple on three consecutive days. Pooja and importance of our Gods and Deities were fully explained by our dedicated Trustee member Mr Ramanbhai Jivan and his wife. Donation of goodwill was received from Mrs CA Greenhalgh, Head of Religious Studies.

Hindu Council of North Raas Garba Competition 4th February 2007

This year our Mandal was the host to the competition and our volunteers played the vital role to provide all the services during the performance. Event went well with our ladies winning the first prize in costume. All the raffles tickets were sold out.

Festival of Baisakhi on 30th Mach 2007 at Liverpool Hope University in Liverpool

Dr Shiv Pande invited ladies from our samaj to perform Garba at the Baisakhi festival in the present of Sikh community and Mayor of Liverpool. Bagra group from London played the music till late.

Shreemad Bhagwat Katha by Pujya Shree Rameshbhai Shastri - 2nd April to 8th April 2008

Shree Rameshbhai Shastri recited Bhagwat Katha for seven days. All the community enjoyed the katha and there was a good turnout. On the last day samuh bhojan was provided by a Rambhakta.

AMSUK – AGM and Sammelan 2007: This event took place in Bolton on 16th September 2007 after twenty years! As a host we welcomed well over thousand people who came from London, Birmingham, Leicester, Coventry, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Luton, Preston, Dudley, Gloucester and Bolton to sammelan. We had a great success in all aspect of the event. Appreciations and thanks flowed from number of prominent people and Mandal would like to thank all the members who had been working very hard towards the event. Jai Hind!

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