May 2014

Gujarati Cultural Society News Letter

<u>www.gcs-brighton.org.uk</u>
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The AGM was held on 23rd March 2014 at the Swaminarayan Temple, we are pleased to inform you that it went very successfully, with a good turnout of members. We had compliments from the members on the hard work done by the committee members. We had a few new members on board, and had resignations from Mrs Meera Bharadava and Miss Hemali Patel. The following members were elected as office bearers.

Election of officials:

Mr Dhirajal Lamba, 119 Portland Road, Hove BN5 5DP (01273 735515) re-elected as President.

Mr Jignesh Agnihotri, 1 Mill Rise, Brighton BN1 5GD (01273 275710) elected as Vice President.

Mr Mahindra Chauhan, 4 Lodge Court, Shoreham-by-Sea BN43 5NU (01273 464139) elected as Secretary with Devesh Patel as Joint Secretary.

Mr Pravinchandra Limbachia, 12 Western Road, Hove, BN3 1AH (01273 772955) remain as Treasurer with Joint Treasurer Ramanbhai Shah.

Mr Chandrakat Metha as Public Relations, BMECP.

Dr Amrut C Shah and Mr Ramanbhai Shah remain as Trustee.

Enterainment: Hamirbhai Thakariya.

Catering Committee: Manjulaben Shah, Dansukbhai Patel and Hamirbhai Thakariya.

Other committee members: Anilbhai Patel.

Co-Opted Members: Dr Milan Jani, Mrs Asmitaben Jani, Mrs Ramaben Patel, Mrs Kalaben Shah, Virjibhai Rupani.

Hope everyone has enjoyed all the events organised by GCS until now and the new elected committee hope to provide exciting forthcoming events for this year, PLEASE PENCIL INTO YOUR DIARY THE FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR THIS YEAR.



Sunday 8th June 14 from 2.00pm for 2.30pm Start-The Chattri Memorial Service - On the Downs near Patcham, Brighton (Standen Lane, Patcham, Brighton, BN1 8ZB). 2014 is the 100 year anniversary of the First World War. This service is dedicated to the Indian soldiers who fought on the Western Front during the First World War. All are welcome to attend this half hour service, believed to be the only one of its kind in Britain. There will be refreshments and an exhibition at a nearby venue after the ceremony.

Website: www.chattri.com



Saturday 14th June 14 from 8 p.m. to 11pm: Hove Town Hall, Norton Road, Hove BN3 4AH. Gujarati comedy play- BACHU NE BAATLIMA UTAARO written and directed by Kiran Purohit organised by same artist of 'Lottery Lottery'. Refreshments will be provided before the play starts, from 8p.m. to 8.30pm.

Ticket prices £12.50 Adults, £7.00 Child 5-12, under 5's free. Tickets are available on the website: www.gcs-brighton.org.uk, or from any committee member.



Cricket 6th July 14 from 2p.m: Wish Park, Hove (Saxon Road End) - GCS will be organising a cricket/activity day for all the family members. Bring a picnic; share some Pimms and a cold beer. Teams will be picked on the day.



Navarati & Dasara 25th September to 3th October 2014: Will be celebrated at Hove Town Hall, Norton Road, Hove BN3 4AH. Please make the most of Navarati celebration at Town Hall, as the Hove Town Hall is closing for refurbishment after 2014.

SHARAD POONAM on 7th October 2013 Hove Town Hall.



Diwali Dinner and Dance - Saturday 25^{th} Oct 2014 - Hove Town Hall, Norton Road, BN3 4AH.

New Year celebration with food, bring you own drinks (alcohol permitted) and dance all night to music from a DJ with a mixture of music N.B Regarding Diwali, we urge all the members to go to 'epetitions' site; http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/53523 and vote for Diwali to become a public holiday in UK.



Please remember that one Sunday a month GCS organises Bhajans at the Mandir and after bhajan, Prasad is served. Next bhajan is on 8th June from 5.30pm to 8pm., thereafter Prasad.



Brighton's Got Talent - In Dec 2014: Venue and Date to be confirmed. "Yes" your chance to show your Talent, i.e. Singing, Dancing, Stand-up comedy, Magic or any other talent you would like to share with the Brighton Gujarati Public. If you are interested, please get in touch with Hamirbhai Tahakariya - Tel. 01273 530416, Dr Jani Tel. 01273 563340 and Mr Dhirajal Lamba Tel. 01273 735515.



We would like to be more environmentally friendly and reduce our postage costs by using less paper, so we urge members to provide us with their email address to contact@gcs-brighton.co.uk along with name, address and mobile number (so we can text of any changes to events or important news). Please inform GCS how you want future correspondents either by post or email or text, if we do not hear from you on email then all the correspondents will be sent by post as usual.



All latest events and news will be posted on our website www.gcs-forthe latest
FOLLOW US ON facebook news and please our page

 $\underline{www.facebook.com/GujaratiCulturalSocietyBrighton}.$

Any events in this Newsletter where date and venue has not been confirmed please visit our website or follow us on Facebook.



GCS has been running since 1970's and we believe it has been successfully running, delivering cultural and community support. GCS is unique as we have an organisation serving people from all over India as one united family. GCS now, more than ever, hope and count on your strong, loyal and valuable support for our continuous success.



GCS committee members would like to thank all our members & non-members for supporting and contributing to the organisation of our events. We hope in the future all members and non-members will carry on supporting us, as one UNITED committee and help to build a strong Gujarati Cultural Society for the next generation of Brighton & Hove and surrounding areas.

'We are only as strong as we are UNITED, as weak as we are DIVIVED.' - J.K. Rowling

GCS would welcome any suggestions from members and non-members in the betterment of society and events. A suggestion form is enclosed.

Secretary,

Mahindra Chauhan

SUGGESTION FORM

	Name		
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GCS appreciates your views and all will be taken into consideration.

Post to Mahindra Chauhan, 4 Lodge Court, Shoreham by sea BN43 5ZA or Fax 01273 453346 or email to contact@gcs-brighton.co.uk.