

SAVE THESE DATES!!!  
DIWALI BALL  
22<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER

DIWALI OPEN DAY  
2<sup>nd</sup> November @ the Sindhi  
Centre



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# SINDHI SAMACHAR

News Bulletin for Sindhi Hindus in the UK  
SEPTEMBER 2005

## NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*I feel honoured to be elected as President once again. I feel also honoured to have a very hard working committee who are very capable and enthusiastic for the jobs they have been allocated to. However, it is only with your participation and co-operation that we can carry out our duty and achieve our goals.*

Many of you will already know about the relaunch of our [community website](http://www.sindhiassociation.org.uk). If not, then make sure you visit [www.sindhiassociation.org.uk](http://www.sindhiassociation.org.uk) when you are next on the Internet. It will serve as a useful and functional platform for people in the UK but also for those around the world who wish to know about Sindhi representation in this country. We take it for granted that our community is so big. Well over 700 families are in the UK and registered as lifetime members in our [Sindhi directory](#). If you are not a member then download our membership form of the website. Adults aged 18 plus are urged to sign up. Also a few people have been enquiring about purchasing Sindhi directories. We have a very limited supply left at a cost of £8 (includes postage and packaging) or £5 if collected from the Sindhi Centre.

Do look forward to the annual [Sindhi Diwali Ball](#). As always, it promises to be an exciting evening of celebration. For one evening the community comes together at a luxury hotel in central London. Tickets are now on sale and are available on a first come first served basis. [Tickets must be paid in full by October 12<sup>th</sup>](#) since table allocation is being held on this date at the Sindhi Centre. Speak with one of the committee members if you wish to place an advertisement or a personal message within the [Diwali brochure](#). Don't forget about our Diwali 'Open Day' at the Sindhi Centre on 2<sup>nd</sup> November too.

As I have said many times we will continue to do the hard work. Support your Sindhi Committee and help us if you have a special talent or expertise. Working together as a team we can make progress.

*Gul Chugani, President of SAUK (Registered Charity 282 447)*

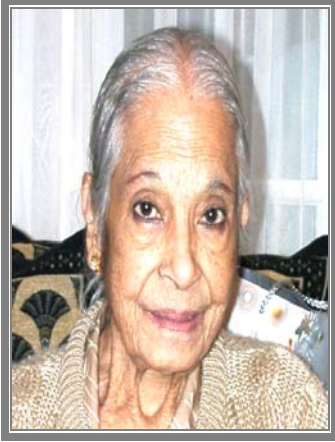
## CURRENT ELECTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Let us remember Jasoti Ramchand Harjani



*01 January 1914 – 28 August 2005*

*A truly remarkable and inspiring lady  
Beloved Mother of Murli Harjani & Ravina Mukhey  
During her 91 years the world has seen two wars,  
Partition and the onset of terrorism. Through all of this  
change Jasoti Harjani maintained her essence - the  
wonderful qualities that we will remember forever.  
She remained determined and independent throughout  
her life and was a skilful woman who understood the  
importance of hard work. She was a dignified woman of  
high integrity who maintained that it is possible to  
achieve anything if you believe in yourself. Jasoti  
Harjani made an impact on everyone that she met with  
her charm and determination and will be missed by all  
of her friends and family.*

*RADHA SOAMI*

**CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ENGAGEMENT**

Harry son of Neelu & Lal Lalwani to Deepti daughter of Sunita & (late) Tulsidas Harjani

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY WEDDED COUPLE – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2004**

Karen Aruna daughter of Mr and Mrs Veenu Nandu Gidwani to Daniel, son of Marjorie Williams & (late) Edmund Williams.

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**DON'T FORGET 22<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2005**

**SINDHI DIWALI BALL**

**DIWALI OPEN DAY**

**FIREWORKS & FUN at the Sindhi Centre**

**2<sup>nd</sup> November, 7pm onwards**

**BOOKMARK these 3 UK Sindhi Community websites:**

**[www.sindhiassociation.org.uk](http://www.sindhiassociation.org.uk)**

**[www.sadhuvaswaniuk.com](http://www.sadhuvaswaniuk.com)**

**[www.holymission.co.uk](http://www.holymission.co.uk)**

# EDUCATION in the spotlight

As many of you know we Sindhis can trace our history and civilisation back to over 5,000 years. A very good place to find information on the Indus Civilisation is: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/indusvalley/>

**Set your video recorders for the following Indus Valley Broadcast Dates**

## Autumn Term 2005

Programmes will be broadcast on  
CBBC Class TV & BBC2  
BBC Schools says schedule is subject  
to change.  
Unlikely, but check their Primary  
History info!

CBBC Class TV - Monday 17th October  
2005

Programme 1 Mohenjo-daro  
10:20 - 10:40 repeated 12:20 - 12:40

Programme 2 Harappa -  
10:40 - 11:00 repeated 12:40 - 13:00

BBC 2 - Tuesday 13th December  
Programme 1 - Mohenjo-daro 10:30 -  
10:50

Programme 2 - Harappa 10:50 - 11:10



**DID YOU KNOW THAT THE HISTORY OF THE INDUS CIVILISATION IS INCLUDED IN THE UK SCHOOL CURRICULUM?**

**Food for thought. Have we Sindhi neglected the teaching of our history AND language to our children here in the UK? Do you care or do you think that we can manage without speaking Sindhi?**

**Send your comments to [editor@sindhiassociation.org.uk](mailto:editor@sindhiassociation.org.uk)**

**In the next edition we will highlight some teaching tools available to you so your children do not go without the essential knowledge you would like to pass on.**

**LONDON'S SINDHI MANDHIR HAS CULTURAL CLASSES AVAILABLE EVERY SUNDAY. CONTACT THE MANDHIR DIRECT FOR DETAILS.**

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# A DAY TRIP TO THORPE PARK

by Arun Chabria

As the time hit 9am, forty two of us departed the Sindhi Centre and headed towards the infamous **Thorpe Park**. Roaming the park in groups, the day provided enough opportunity to get to know other young Sindhis of the same age, as well as presenting ride after ride of fun and excitement. Many youngsters started off terrified of the rollercoasters we walked towards, but by late afternoon, each group had covered around 15 rides and everyone had an amazing day. This was so much fun. One girl even bunked school to come!

**SAUK is currently working on projects for the teenagers of our community.** The intention is to involve the youth further with the ongoing events, get them to host their own events, and more importantly for them to get to know one another.

The trip to Thorpe Park was the first steppingstone in achieving this goal. Over 40 youngsters attended this event. More events like these are in the pipeline, and soon we hope a committee will form amongst us. In particular, **SAUK will actively encourage the youngsters to continue hosting Diwali shows at the Sindhi Centre**, and will also open up participation to our annual balls by giving advanced notices of rehearsals.

*The outcome will hopefully bring solidarity and encourage more teenagers to participate and get involved within the community.*

Contributed by Arun Chabria (Age18)



Rajiv, Meenal, Aakash, Manu, Mandira & Selina



Oh no! Soaking Wet! Dayan, Rohan, Dinesh, Diviya, Saba, Ekta, Dina and Gillie

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## *A Surprise on Bended Knee at Sold Out YSA* by Amar Vaswani DrDunkster@aol.com

A brand new dawn breaks in the middle of the workweek. "It hasn't even started yet & I already don't want the weekend to end" said one. "What about New Year's & where is the Retreat next year?" asked another. These days everything good about YSA is contagious such as its following and its energy. Last year, after a memorable YSA Retreat III in Washington D.C. & an amazing YSA New Year's Event in South Beach, Miami, organizers and attendees alike wondered how much better it could get. Held in a land known for ice wine & ice hockey, Maple syrup & the Maple Leaf, the answer came in the form of romance; it stole the show at YSA Retreat IV !

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It started off as any other speech about the grandeur of YSA in front of a sold out crowd during the closing formal banquet. Then he called her to the middle of the dance floor as he continued interjecting sentences in Sindhi. Finally ending with "tu tamam suthi aye", he left the podium, walked towards her and on bended knee, Nitin Bharti proposed to Harsha Babani, a member of our very own Toronto Host Committee. With the crowd screaming & without a dry eye in the room, she said "Yes !" As if winning a championship, the crowd rushed the floor to congratulate the ecstatic couple & seemingly interrupting a deep embrace in a private world all of their own. They say love conquers all. It seemed to be the case in spite of the staggering & impressive statistics; YSAers from 4 continents, 16 countries, & 75 cities worldwide all interacting as one like the threads that come together to form a live, colourful Bandini. The unofficial start to YSA Retreat IV began Thursday night with a Networking Social. In town were delegates from London, Spain, Japan, Los Angeles, Chicago, San Francisco, Florida, Gibraltar, Surinam, Hong Kong, India, New York, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Boston, Connecticut, Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal, St. Thomas, Texas, Washington D.C., & others.

Registration began Friday with each delegate receiving a handsome T-Shirt, an embroidered cap, a keychain, & an elegant colour brochure. All checked-in, the night was crisp & clear. It was time for the unveiling: the debut of... Sindhilicious ! YSA's official lounge and signature cocktail for the weekend. Sindhilicious was everything advertised and then some, the perfect blend of candles, dim lights, contemporary squared furniture, a little mango juice, a splash of lychee liquor, and ambiance!! All in all a grand opening night filled with never-ending dancing and the start of a sleepless weekend.

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"This is your 8:00 A.M. wake up call for Saturday, July 16, 2005." says the recording. Miraculously & with eyes still shut, a handful of YSAers prop themselves up –like a puppet propped by a ventriloquist- for the first of two morning workouts. Wide awake now, an array of sessions followed: Sindhi Identity, The Sindhi Language & its survival, Sindhi Power Couples speaking about balancing family, career, and marriage, and finally the long anticipated 'Sindfully Sindhi'. It's time to party ! "Ladies & gentlemen, please be at the lobby ready to go at 7:00 P.M. SHARP, not 7:00 P.M. SST (Sindhi Standard Time)" exclaims one of the Toronto Host Committee Members. Yellow school buses filled with singing YSAers arrived promptly at "The Docks", an entertainment complex consisting of outdoor & indoor restaurants, night clubs, & lounges overlooking the Toronto harbour with its shimmering skyline.

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On they hopped on to those familiar yellow school buses the next day for a field trip to the newly built GurMandir. It was a tribute to the perseverance of the Sindhi Spirit & in the middle of it all lies a beautiful statue of Jhulelal. Then came the sweetest sensation of it all, a cooking demonstration of Kanao Parshad. The aroma hypnotized us & our mouths watered. Finally the time had come to savour our blessings. It was beyond description; it was warm and yummy just like mummy makes it; it was sweet and complete as nectar being fed directly from the hands of the Goddesses ! As YSAers walked into the evening, it had finally dawned on them that they were no longer strangers but all of a sudden had become part of the extended YSA Family. The opening of the closing banquet brought the singing of the Canadian and Sindhi Anthems. The Toronto Host Committee then followed with a smashing dance performance to a popular Hindi hit song that climaxed into a standing ovation. And just when it seemed that the evening had been consummated, that ultimate

declaration of love sealed the night ! Memories this writer will never forget along with the finale of jumping so high in unison with fellow YSAers that we touched the sky & chanted at the top of our lungs... 'ayo Lal JhuleLal !', 'ayo Lal JhuleLal !', louder & stronger 'AYO LAL JHULELAL !!', 'AYO LAL JHULELAL !!!!!'

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A bright Monday morning arrives. The crowd disperses scraping with it every ounce, every single scent, every trace of what they had come and fallen head over heels for, be it now an inexplicable essence of their beings. The lobby is more like a ghost town. Nothing there to see anymore, not even memories which were captured on film & are now prisoners of our hearts. Out from a distance... 'wait, when's the next YSA Event ?! I've got to tell my friends !' The response is standard. 'Check the website [www.YoungSindhiAdults.org](http://www.YoungSindhiAdults.org)' They had done what the theme suggested, 'Be Proud, Be Sindhi, & Celebrate. !'

*Young Sindhi Adults (mid 20's to late 30's) is an international organisation for those wishing to explore, discover and discuss our cultural heritage and and social issues that face our community.*

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## Some recent ly celebrated & upcoming festivals / important Days:

- 27<sup>th</sup> August – Janamashtami (Lord Krishna's birthday)
  - 7<sup>th</sup> September – Ganesh Chaturthi
  - 18<sup>th</sup> September - 3<sup>rd</sup> October Shradh
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Solar Eclipse
  - 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> October - Navratra
  - 17<sup>th</sup> October – Lunar Eclipse
  - 12<sup>th</sup> October – Dasserha
  - 20<sup>th</sup> October – Karva Choth
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Sindhi Diwali Ball
  - 1<sup>st</sup> November – Diwali (Lakshmi Pooja)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Diwali Open Day at the Sindhi Centre
  - 26<sup>th</sup> December – Anniversary of London's Sindhi Mandhir
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## ...and looking forward to 2006!

- 26<sup>th</sup> February – Maha Shivratri
- 14<sup>th</sup> March – Holi
- 30<sup>th</sup> March – Cheti Chand (Sindhi New Year)

Look forward to explanations about these days in forthcoming newsletters. What are the rituals and reasons for observing these day? Your contributions are welcome. Email [editor@sindhiassociation.org.uk](mailto:editor@sindhiassociation.org.uk) with pictures and comments.

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It's the game everyone was talking about at last year's London Sammelan.

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**Sharmila Kalvani**

**Originator of  
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SINDHI ASSOCIATION OF UK  
GRAND DIWALI BALL  
SATURDAY 22nd OCTOBER



SAS Radisson Portman Hotel

22 Portman Square, London, W1H

£60 rising to £65 after 12<sup>th</sup> October

Tickets are available on a first come first served basis

Tickets can be purchased from:

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