



# NEWSLETTER

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## Dates for your Diary

\*YES event held on April 10 at La Reuda, off Wigmore Street. Dinner and salsa dancing for 20 pounds.

\*FROM the creators of *Arrange that Marriage* and *Don't Look At My Sister*, Tabularasa Arts presents *Bollywood Or Bust* at Watermans Art Centre, 40 High Street, Brentford. There are only 14 shows starting from March 17 till April 3 (at 7.45pm). Tickets -£9.50, £6.50 (concs). For more information call (0181) 568 1176.

\* INTERNATIONAL Sindhi Sammelan will be held in Orlando, Florida from July 30 to August 1, 1999.

\* SINDHI Association of North America is having an annual convention from July 3 to July 5, 1999.

## DID YOU KNOW...

THE University of Illinois is offering an intensive course in Sindhi, including conversation with a native Sindhi speaking tutor, formal grammar, and basic reading skill development. The course is offered during an eight week summer session and meets five days a week, four hours each day. *Ten semester hours of undergraduate credit or 2 units (8 hours) of graduate credit.*

For more information:  
[www.outreach.uiuc.edu](http://www.outreach.uiuc.edu)

## Taste of Spain!

For a few days it felt like summer was here and everyone was in the party spirit. Then came then rain!!! YES has organised a mini-event to get you back in the party and summer spirit. YES is bringing you a tantalising glimpse of Spain.



The mini-event is being held on Saturday 10 April at 'La Rueda' Spanish Restaurant and Tapas Bar (I can feel the summer mood creeping up on me

now). La Rueda has authentic Spanish food which is definitely one not to give a miss. This glimpse of Spain includes a set price 20 pounds course meal, which includes a choice of starter, main, dessert and coffee. After your meal, there are two flamenco dancers creating the lively dancing mood and believe me, the fun doesn't stop there. At 11.30pm the place turns into a cozy dancefloor while the DJ plays none other than Spanish, and Salsa music.

So get your clothes on and your dancing shoes and get ready to party the night away. If you feel like taking the

plunge reserve your place NOW as there are only a limited number of places available. We need your reservations by the 3rd April, and there can be no additions after this date.

The time is 8.30pm and the place, La Rueda, 102 Wigmore Street, London W1. It is located near Wagamama and the nearest tube station is Bond Street. Reserve your place ASAP, call:

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BY GITA TEKCHANDANI

## The first time around ...

Unexpectedly, the team The Malish won this year's Quiz Nite. With a name as such, who would expect to claim the gold plated trophies? Do not be deceived as one should never judge a book by its cover. The Malish certainly proved this to be true.

When asked why they chose to call themselves this name, group member Anand Panjabi (who came up with the name) said: "*In order for us to maximise our brain power, we all went to the VB supermarket in Ealing Road to get a thel malish with some pride oil, because we figured a good thel malish would bring out the best of our knowledge. That is why we are called The Malish.*"

The team consisted of eight members who were awarded individual gold trophies: Neelam Bhojwani, Resham Bhojwani, Amit Daswani, Anand Panjabi, Amardeep Parmar, Sapna Manglani, Vishal Tolani and Sonney Lalwani.

As part of the winning team, I must admit that there was panic and a battle against time. But, it all paid off when triumph was achieved at the end of the rounds. Amongst many team bonding experiences, this was definitely one of them. Forget watching Chris Tarrant 'Who wants to be a Millionaire,' and experience the Quiz Nite live for it is a complete different ball game.

During the night one works under pressure, negotiates with time, and perhaps is caught in limbo when answering the question with regards to a gut feeling or a doubtful answer. The choice is one of many and ultimately, your team to decides.

It is an event organised by professional quiz masters. It dates back to 1993 and still holds true for being one of YES longest running event. Now, the question that remains to be answered is whether The Malish will keep their title and become the millennium winners for this year's Quiz Nite. All we can do is wait for their next move.

BY RESHAM BHOJWANI

## DEAR AGONY AUNT...

I am a 24-year-old Sindhi girl living in London for the past six years. I have a dilemma and need some advice as I am the first in my family to have fallen in love with someone from a different caste. I met him two years ago whilst looking for a prospective Sindhi boy.

However, I did not accept any of the proposals as I felt the boys I met were not exactly what I had been looking for. People say that when the time is right and when you meet the man of your dreams, you will just know that he is the right one.

At the moment, I am in love with my boyfriend and my parents do not know of him. I am not sure how to address this problem as I think I am ready to marry him but do not know whether my parents will accept him or not. Also, it may be a problem in the future as I might be shunned from society. Will it pose a problem for my children when they grow up into this Sindhi conscious world? Can you give me some advice?

-Confused desi from London

*Note: Instead of our advice, we thought it would be nice to receive comments or perhaps advice from other YES members in response to the letter. It will be printed in the following issue. Please send your comments and anonymous letters to the Sindhi Centre (address below) and mark it for the attention of the Y.E.S. newsletter or drop us an email at [yes39@hotmail.com](mailto:yes39@hotmail.com)*

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## Killing two birds with one stone

Orlando, Florida- THIS year's 6th International Sindhi Sarmelan will be held on July 30 to August 1, 1999.

Sponsored by the Alliance of Sindhi Associations of Americas in collaboration with the Sindhi's of Florida, USA, the Sarmelan is the most extraordinary and biggest Sindhi event as it brings together more than two thousand Sindhi's from all over the world. This event aims to bring alive a culture so vast and diverse as Sindhi's come forth to discuss and learn about their history, culture and language.

The Youth discussions relate to issues of arranged marriages, dating and the like whilst also maintaining the culture and heritage of language. Keynote speakers and professionals in Sindhology, are invited to the Sarmelan to express their views and inform others of contemporary issues. The participants tackle questions relating to current events

facing Sindhi's in their everyday lives such as 'how to keep our Sindhi culture alive' and more topics of the like.

Previously held in different cities such as Chicago, Toronto, and San Francisco. This year's Sarmelan at Orlando will be worth your money. Somewhat like the Olympics as the event moves from city to city, the attendees have doubled over the years. During the 4th Sarmelan there were a 1,000 people and last year it doubled. This year there may be more participants as Sindhi awareness heightens.

The Sarmelan is usually held over a long weekend and after spending three days at the conference, you can relax and enjoy the sites of Disney World. What better way to spend a week in the States by meeting new people, getting to know about your culture, and to top it off by basking in the warm weather of Orlando, Florida. So far, it sounds quite good.

As for the registration, it will be on a 'first come first served' basis and rates are subject to change after Jan.

Registration, Travel and accomodation information on the Sindhi Sarmelan can be found on [www.sindhisarmelan.com](http://www.sindhisarmelan.com)

On a yearly basis, a small group from London attend the Sarmelan and return home revitalised and completely satisfied with their memorable experience of a lifetime.

Participant Rajesh Kirpalani said: "Sarmelan means 'gathering' and everyone was here because they were proud of their culture and wanted to keep it alive. The Sarmelan is not only a place to learn about our culture but also to make new friends and renew old friendships. I enjoyed every moment of it." What better way to spend a week off in July at both the Sarmelan and Disney world.

BY RESHAM BHOJWANI

## YES IS GROWING

NOW for an update on YES We are officially part of the Sindhi Association of the U.K. and have their full backing and support. We are growing in number all the time and now have 370 members. Membership is free so tell all your friends. All members will be put on the mailing list for all forthcoming events.

Please remember to let us know if your details have changed. We look forward to seeing you at the next event.

## FILMI DIALOGUES

Sounds familiar or not?

- \* Mai tumhara ehasaan zindagi bhar nahinbhuloonga
- \* Itnay paisay tum kahan se laaye?
- \* Kuttay, Kameenay mai tumhe jaan se maar doonga
- \* Bacchhhhaaaaaaooooo.....
- \* Yeh anay hai bhag wan
- \* Bataao, heeray kahan hai.
- \* Tum may-re liye mar chuke ho.
- \* Police meeray peechay lagi hui hai.
- \* Mai tumharay bachhe ki maa ban-nay waali hoon.

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