

KPS NEWS



Newsletter for Shree Kadwa Patidar Members in UK

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KPS launches a New Website

By Manoj Ardeshta

The Kadwa Patidar Samaj has finally moved into 21st century! A new interactive website which was launched at the Diwali Function went live on 15th November 2009 at the Youth Forum meeting .

Within a week it has received tremendous interest from all over the world. Over 4000 visitors from UK, USA, Canada, India and other parts of the world have log in the new website since it has gone live!

The new website has been developed using latest web technology to improve communication between the Samaj and its members and between members as well as to attract more participation from our younger members in the community.

Apart from the static information on KP Community and Hall Hire facility, the new website has new dynamic menus where news and stories will be posted on a regu-



lar basis, events calendar, Hindu calendar, video clips, picture gallery, sharing options such as Facebook and Twitter and much more.

There are plans to develop the website further over the next nine months and introduce private site with member log in with access to membership, matrimonial and volunteer databases. It will also have interactive functionality for members to be able to comment on news

and stories published and events management facility.

We would like to know what you think about our new website. If you have any comments or suggestions please e-mail

webmaster@kpsuk.org

Related story - Article written by Hiren Aghera on www.kpsuk.org

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If you wish to receive latest news on what is happening at KPS and information on events and activities by e-mail please register your details on our new website.



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New Youth Committee set up

By Kunal Changela



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Visit www.kspuk.org for a report and feedback of the first KPS Youth Forum meeting on 12 September 2009.

On Sunday 15th November the KPS Youth Forum got together again, this time in the same form as the "Gentlemen's Last Friday of the Month get-together". In traditional Indian style we came in dries and drabs allowing all of us time to enjoy the tea/coffee and nibbles that were laid out for us.

After we had a chance to catch up with the latest gossip with friends and family we were given a presentation of the new KPS website. The website was very well received by the KPS Youth as it showed a clear thought for better presentation, ease of use and good communication of current news and KPS activities. Great new features like the activities calendar, integration with Facebook and Twitter and better picture and video galleries make the website much more appealing to visit.

We all gathered to embark on the main topic of discussion, the KPS Youth Committee, its structure and future development. On proposing the idea of setting up a youth committee we voted for the position of President & General Secretary; where Anand Faldu and I were voted

as co-Presidents and Shivani Kantaria as General Secretary. We had a lot of other interest from youth members to join the committee with over 25 people wanting to take part and help put forward the youth voice of KPS.

This youth committee will be responsible for 7 areas that were identified in our first youth forum in September. With so many activities and ideas from individuals we were glad to have such participation. If you would like to join the committee and have not already emailed us, please email:

kpsyouth@kpsuk.org

The meeting finished with a short presentation on each of the 7 areas and with a message of thanks to the members of the Community Development sub-committee for helping us organize this structure (see website for meeting notes).

Now, it was what we were all waiting for...the Regency Club food and drinks. While the mains were still on there way we started munching on the starters...we had enough food for an army...an army of KPS Youths who have just

setup their committee! Whilst the starters were going down a treat people mingled, talked to others that they would have not really met and already started discussing new projects and ideas.

Once the main course was served the chatter and discussion dies down to a low murmur but not for long as the good food was put away quickly. To our surprise we even had dessert to round off an evening and good food. We all had a great time and speaking to various individuals and groups it seems that this was a very popular way to meet new people get to know our community... watch this space!

We have emailed all the committee members that volunteered to take part in organizing and setting up the events, so again, if you did miss out just email us so that we can send you further details on the various sub-committees that we will be setting up (these will also be posted on the website). We want to hear your views, and setup a permanent voice for us as well as making some of the great ideas from the first meeting a reality.

Dinning Hall Extension - The latest news

By Bipin Kantaria

We are pleased to report that we are now in a position to sign the contract with Total Construction Ltd in the beginning of December 2009 for the sum of £1.243million. The contract start date is 4th January 2010 and contract period is 32 weeks.

All the tenders were returned on 16th October 2009. We received tenders from £1.28 to £1.60 million. After reviewing the tenders we interviewed 2 contractors and following intense negotiations and value engineering our recommendation of our preferred contractor was approved by KPS Ltd and the Executive Committee on 10th November 2009. Now the hard

work starts. All the details of the extension are posted on our new website www.kpsuk.org, so please don't forget to check this out.

With regards to fund raising to date we have received £239,000 of pledges/donations so far. This is disappointing when considering that more than half of this sum is from large donations. We need to raise about £600,000. We once again appeal to all those members who haven't donated to send your cheques and gift aid forms to Maganbhai Bhimani as soon as possible. The continuing success of the Samaj will only be realised if we get the support from all the members of our commu-

nity.

However the good news is that apart from four plaques we have now received all of the large donations. The Executive **Committee has agreed to seek a sponsor for naming the overflow car park for a donation £15,000.** This is across the road from main car park which will be extended as part of the Dining hall project. If anyone is interested in naming the car park, then they should contact either Manoj Ardesna on 020 8204 0334 or Rajendrabhai Changela on 020 8958 9532 (Babubhai and Rajnibhai are on holidays) Any offers received are accepted on a 'first come first served' basis.



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Diwali Dinner and Dance party

By Chandu Makadia

This year's Diwali Dinner and Dance party on 7 November was a huge success. There were over 400 attendees of which the majority were from our community.

This year we decided to have South Indian food for a change and a different DJ. The lighter food and the excellent music kept the dance

floor packed from start to finish, with the crowd demanding encores at the end.

During the show we also had a special performance by Nikita Patel; she performed to a medley of Bollywood songs. The guests also showed their charitable side by donating money for Karishma Makadia from our com-

munity who is about to embark on an expedition to Uganda for charity work.

This year's event was very popular and there is already lot of interest in next year's event.

For pictures visit our website

www.kpsuk.org



Fun day out for families at Sports Day

By Kirit Trambadia & Alpesh Makadia



This year's Sports Day was a fun day out for all family members

KPS members had lots of fun at this year's revamped Family Sports Day 2009 at Aldenham School on 6 September. This year's turn up was higher than last year's. There were many children, teenagers, youths, parents as well as senior members.

The sports facilities at Aldenham School were excellent which included facilities for badminton (9 courts), five-a-side football, short tennis, volleyball and table tennis all in one main sports hall. On the top floor there was a dining and

viewing area and a special room which was ideal for senior citizens who played cards and Chopat games there. The whole facility was allocated for just KPS Sports Day.

After registration all events started on time and short tennis, badminton and table tennis events were completed by 1 pm, followed by lunch with variety of snacks which included samosas, bhel, sandwiches, crisps, fruits, soft drink, tea & coffee.

After lunch most people from all age groups took

part in fun games which included lemon & spoon races, ball in bucket races, tug of war, etc. This was followed by team events volley and five-a-side football for boys, girls, men and women.

The presentation ceremony was held at 5.00pm and Trophies were presented to the worthy winners of various competition. This year's Sports Day was a fun day out for all family members. For pictures visit

www.kpsuk.org

Kids had fun at Children's Diwali Party

By Sejal Sira



There were festive celebrations and great entertainment at the KPS children's Diwali Party

Children from the Samaj and KPS Gujarati School celebrated Diwali and New Year on Saturday 17th October by attending their very own fun Diwali function.

The excited children began the party by making various Diwali arts and crafts and related activities. These included Rangoli designs; Diwali cards; colouring Diwali pictures; solving Diwali puzzles; crosswords & Origami

The joviality began with dancing to the latest Bollywood songs. Then

there was more fun, laughter and games as Mike from "Creative Kids" took over. He soon had them dancing to the latest pop tunes, playing party favourites like musical statues, pass the parcel and the Hockey Cokey. The children especially enjoyed the parachute games.

Afterwards, there was a short break to enjoy a party feast. (As if they needed the energy!) The pizza's and chocolate sandwiches went down a treat! Whilst the games continued, the children

still found time to have their faces painted, hands decorated with mehndi for the girls & mehndi tattoos for the boys.

The party finished with a talk from Deveena Kalaria on the significance of the Diwali celebrations. The KPS Children's Diwali party was a great success and lots of fun. We would like to thank all the children for being such wonderful V.I.P's.

Navratri Festival a great success

By Manoj Ardeshta

With decent weather and Nitu Shah & Party's music this year's Navratri festival was a great success. The festival took place at Kadwa Patidar Centre from the 19th to 27th September and on 3rd October (Sharad Poonam) with the advantage of two weekends.

It was very encouraging

to see higher number of people turning up on week days. On the second Saturday (aatham) there was a huge turnout with people wearing traditional Indian dresses. As usual cold milk shake/ ice cream were served every day which were very welcomed by participant during a break.

People really enjoyed the festival and most of them took part in grabas and dandia raas. As always Navratri is a very popular event with youngsters who turned up in large numbers at this year's festival. The politicians from different political parties also visited the festival and took part in grabas.

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Diwali Celebrations 2009 gathering

By Manoj Ardeshta

Over 1,300 people attended this year's Diwali Function on 18 October 2009 to celebrate the Diwali and Hindu New Year. This was one of the biggest gatherings in recent years with higher number of youngsters attending. The celebrations started early with people meeting and greeting family and friends as they arrived.

After the prayers the President, Babubhai Makadia, addressed the gathering. He highlighted two projects in the coming year which are Youth Development and the Dining Hall Extension. He urged the Youth to take more interest in the Samaj and participate in youth activities and events as they will play an important role in the future of

our Samaj. He also mentioned about the importance of the Dining Hall extension project for the future development of our community. He urged people to donate generously towards this project.

The new website was launched by Manoj Ardeshta who spoke about the level commitment and dedication of the people in the web team which made it possible to develop our new website in three months. The new website was demonstrated by Hiren Aghera which was very well received (see an article written by Hiren on www.kpsuk.org)

Various traditional competitions were organised and participant took part in traditional competitions such as Rangoli,

Diwali card making, Gujarati hand writing and cookery. The Fashion Show participants displayed various traditional and modern Navratri dresses.

After a delicious lunch people settle down for an afternoon entertainment. The popular Bingo game was played which was followed by the 'KPS's Got Talent Show'. The competition was judged by Roshni Dadhania, and Nikita Patel accompanied by Honey Kalaria who later spoke about the up coming talent within our community. The winners of the various competition were announced. The celebrations ended with Convenor's vote of thanks to volunteers.

For Navratri and Diwali pictures visit www.kpsuk.org



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Senior Citizens celebrates Tulsi Vivah

By Manoj Ardeszna



Tulsi Vivah is an important ritual performed in Kartik month in traditional Hindu calendar.

Senior Citizens Mandal celebrated Tulsi Vivah on Thursday 29 October 2009. Tulsi Vivah is an important ritual performed in Kartik month in traditional Hindu calendar. Tulsi Vivah festival is the wedding of Tulsi plant to Lord Vishnu.

Tulsi Vivah is performed by some communities on the Ekadasi day after Amavasi (new moon) in Kartik month and by

some communities on the Dev Diwali day or the full moon day in Kartik Month. Each year devotees, organizations, and temples perform this ritual with all pomp and glory of a real wedding.

A symbolic ceremony was performed with Nathabhai & Diwaliben Dadhania and their family taking the responsibility of the groom's (Lord

Vishnu) side and Babubhai & Savitriben Makadia and their family taking the responsibility of the bride's (Tulsi) side.

A full traditional Hindu wedding ceremony was performed. There were approx. 150 guests present at the ceremony who enjoyed the wedding and a lunch afterwards.

Jalaram Jayanti Celebrations

By Champa Bhalodia



Jalaram Jayanti was celebrated at the Kadwa Patidar Centre on 6th November 2009. Quite a few people joined the celebrations despite miserable weather.

The celebrations started with Maha Prasad

served to devotees on arrival. Then they joined in the prayers and chanted Bapa's Bavani, Bajans and Kirtans. Ankot was laid with various Indian sweets and savouries dishes.

The celebrations ended with Aarti and Ankot Prasad was distributed to devotees. Everyone who attended had a lovely evening. For pictures visit : www.kpsuk.org

Understanding life and death

By Bipin Kantaria



**Om Shanti
Shanti...Shanti**

To most of us, at some moment or another, the spectacle of death must have given rise to the deepest of thoughts and profoundest of questions. What is life worth, if able bodies that once performed great deeds now lie flat and cold, senseless and lifeless? What is life worth, if eyes that once sparkled with joy, eyes that once beamed with love are

now closed forever, bereft of movement, bereft of life?

In another sense, life and death are two ends of the same process and if you understand one end of the process, you also understand the other end. Hence, by understanding the purpose of life we also understand the purpose of death.

We would like you encourage all of you to celebrate the life of your loved one by writing an obituary and sharing this with all the members of our community on our new website.

The template for obituary can be downloaded from www.kpsuk.org or can be obtained from Manoj Ardeszna 020 8204 0334.

Patel knows everyone

Patel was bragging to his boss one day, 'You know, I know everyone there is to know.. Just name someone, anyone, and I know them.' Tired of his boasting, his boss called his bluff, 'OK, Patel how about Tom Cruise?' 'Sure, yes, Tom and I are old friends, and I can prove it.' So Patel and his boss fly out to Hollywood and knock on Tom Cruise's door, and sure enough, Tom Cruise shouts, 'Patel! Great to see you!'

You and your friend come right in and join me for lunch!' Although impressed, Patel's boss is still sceptical.

After they leave Cruise's house, he tells Patel that he thinks Patel's knowing Cruise was just lucky. 'No, no, just name anyone else,' Patel says 'President Clinton,' his boss quickly retorts. 'Yes,' Patel says, 'I know

him, let's fly out to Washington.' And off they go. At the White House, Clinton spots Patel on the tour and motions him and his boss over, saying, 'Patel, what a surprise, I was just on my way to a meeting, but you and your friend come on in and let's have a cup of coffee first and catch up.

Well, the boss is much shaken by now, but still not totally convinced. After they leave the White House grounds, he expresses his doubts to Patel who again implores him to name anyone else.

'The Pope,' his boss replies. 'Sure!' says Patel. 'My folks are from Poland, and I've known the Pope a long time.'

So off they fly to Rome... Patel and his boss are assembled with the masses in Vatican

Square when Patel says, 'This will never work. I can't catch the Pope's eye among all these people. Tell you what, I know all the guards so let me just go upstairs and I'll come out on the balcony with the Pope.' And he disappears into the crowd headed toward the Vatican.

Sure enough, half an hour later Patel emerges with the Pope on the balcony. But by the time Patel returns, he finds that his boss has had a heart attack and is surrounded by paramedics.

Working his way to his boss' side, Patel asks him, 'What happened?'

His boss looks up and says, 'I was doing fine until you and the Pope came out on the balcony and the man next to me said, who's that on the balcony with Patel ?



Laughing make you live longer



KPS Youth bowling night out

By Deven Changela

Following up on our 1st Youth Forum meeting, a KPS Bowling Night for 16+ was arranged on Saturday 24th October 2009 at Hollywood Bowls in Finchley. Being the first event we were really pleased to see the turnout of

approximate 40 people. It was a pleasure to see many new faces and people interacting with each other.

After enjoying 2 games of bowling, we decided to go for drinks, which was then followed by dinner at Nando's.

Towards the end everyone was happy and thoroughly enjoyed the evening. We hope to have many successful events in the future, with the support of KPS Youth and an increased number of participants.



News in brief

Samu Suptah

The Executive Committee and the Yajamans have agreed to proceed the Samu Suptah next year.

The Samu Suptah will be held from Monday 30 August to 6 September 2010. for further information please contact Pallavi Makadia on 020 8841 1141 or e-mail.

hashpatel@btinternet.com

Midland Events

KPS Midland Sub-committee organised various events this year including Samu Satsang on 13 Sept, Navratri for 3 days in Sept and Diwali gathering on 25 October . All these events were very well supported by our members in Midlands. For further information contact Bhanuben Borsania or Sarojben Makadia.

Mother's Day Party

Mother's Day Is celebrated to honour all mothers and express gratitude for the hardships they bear in bringing up a child. The Samaj has organised a mother's party on 13 March 2010. For details contact Maduben Kalaria on 020 8428 3262.

The Youngest and the Oldest of KPS

We would like to publish names and photographs of the youngest babies and the oldest members of our Samaj in our next edition of KPS News and on our website.

If you have a new arrival in your family or anyone is over 90 years since 1st July 2009 please e-mail their photograph, DOB, place of birth, parents name and number of children and grand children in case of the oldest to makadiacr@yahoo.co.uk .

17th Cultural Variety Shown 2010 and Academic Awards

The next Cultural Variety Show will be held on Sunday, 18th April 2009. We would like our community members to develop their talent and provide them a stage to perform in front of a large audience. We will also be celebrating and recognising the educational achievement by our members.

For further details please see the enclosed flyer or visit www.kpsuk.org .

Forth Coming Events in 2010

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| Mother's Day Party | 13 March 2010 |
| AGM | 11 April 2010 |
| Cultural Variety Show | 18 April 2010 |
| Family Picnic | 18 July 2010 |
| Samu Suptah | 30 Aug - 6 Sept 2010 |
| Navratri | 08 -17 October 2010 |
| Sharad Poonam | 22 October 2010 |
| Diwali Dinner & Dance | 30 October 2010 |
| Diwali - Chopda Poojan | 5 November 2010 |
| Diwali Function | 7 November 2010 |
| New Years Eve Party | 31 December 2010 |



**KPS News wishes you
A Merry Christmas and
A Happy New Year**

