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Jai Shri Krishna

We're in the festive season where a lot of major festivals will be celebrated in the forthcoming months. Looking forward to your involvement, participation, help & support in carrying out the required activities in this regard. Whatever seva you can offer, is always appreciated.

Special thanks to all the Volunteers who have helped us in making all the festival celebrations so far, a grand success. Also, many thanks to those volunteers who are already involved in handling the school visits. I am sure god will shower the choicest of blessings for you all

Welcome back to Poojari:

As you may have already known, our poojari's (Shri. Dharmeshbhai Pandya) has successfully got his visa and again joined our samaj and started his duties since the evening of 11th August 2018. We're happy to welcome him back to our Samaj.

GDPR: Thanks to those who have already provided your GDPR consent (via email/paper form).

As per the new legislation, BHS requires the members' consent to send out general communications (e.g. events, newsletters etc.). So, for those who haven't yet provided your consent, please ensure that each & every adult member in your family provide their consent ASAP to keep receiving the general communications from BHS.

I understand that a few of those who have provided their appropriate consent, have reported about not receiving the communications (by email) from BHS. I have ensured & doubly checked that those email addresses are part of the relevant BHS Communications list and that the emails are indeed sent to those addresses as well. So, if you still are unable to receive the regular updates, newsletters etc. via email, please ensure that you have the appropriate settings in your mailbox (as some of the options/settings may automatically place such emails in the junk/spam or even could mark it for deletion).

Further on this topic, I have come across the following instances with regards to some of the GDPR Consent forms received so far:

1. Duplicate form submissions: Kindly ensure that if you've already submitted the consent by email or in paper form, please DO NOT submit the form again as it causes confusion (unless it's a change in your GDPR communication options - in which case please mention it explicitly).

2. Not enough details provided: Some have chosen the email option but haven't provided their email address. Also, many haven't provided their membership numbers, which then proves a difficult task in

locating their respective details (particularly when there are more than one member of the same name).

3. Using different surname at various instances: If your surname has changed, please notify it separately to BHS, so that the latest details can be reflected in our records. With respect to GDPR, I notice that there are instances where there's a surname in BHS records & a different one being used in GDPR consent forms, which results in confusion & sometimes an unnecessary delay in capturing the consent (thereby causing a delay in adding the relevant member to the BHS Communications list).

The above are possible reasons why some members may not be receiving communications from BHS. So, if you have any concerns/issues please send an email to bharathindusamajpbo@gmail.com OR speak to one of the committee members present at the mandir.

BHS Membership 2018 - 2019: Those who would like to join or renew your membership, please note that it will be £15/- per adult ONLY until Sunday, 7th October 2018. As per standard practice, the Membership Fee will be £20/- per adult from Monday, 8th October 2018 onwards for the current membership calendar year.

BHS Membership Card for Navratri Event @ The Cresset:

You may be aware that the Entry for the Navratri Event at The Cresset is Free for BHS Members Only. So, as proof of membership, its mandatory that you produce a valid membership card (for the CURRENT MEMBERSHIP YEAR 2018 -19, its RED in Colour) upon entry, to the volunteers. In case if you are unable to produce the current membership card, you may be treated as a Guest, which means there'll be a £5/- entry fee per person. It's therefore requested that you make sure that you have the current membership card available with you before entering the event. In case, you are a member for the current membership year (2018-19) but don't have the membership card (OR) have lost it, kindly contact the BHS Committee via email (bharathindusamajpbo@gmail.com) or in person ASAP.

Also, KINDLY NOTE that ONLY the Membership Number starting with '18XXX' will be accepted as a valid membership card.

Competitions during Navratri Event @ The Cresset:

This year the BHS Management Committee & Trustees wanted to organise the competitions in an organised/better way. Hence, the management has decided to conduct the Best Garba Dancers competition from 8:30 pm – 8:40 pm (10 mins). So, only those who wanted to take part (Adults 17 years & up & Children from 7-16 years old) in the competition will be performing during the above-mentioned timings (i.e. 10 mins) will participate from the start to finish. At other times everybody can join Garba, as usual. Also, those who would like to participate, please make sure that you are present at the venue in time. Looking forward to your support in this regard.

Regarding Pooja Participation with main/additional yajmans:

It had come to the committees notice that there have been instances in the past where additional people have joined (without invitation/permissions) the yajmans/additional yajmans (who had booked the aasan) while performing the pooja. So, therefore, its requested that devotees who wish to perform a pooja, kindly book a separate aasan OR join the yajmans with their permission.

Gayathri Balasubramanian

Secretary - On behalf of The BHS Management Committee & Trustees

Events & Festivals October 2018 – January 2019

- **Monday, 24th September to Monday 8th October – Shraadh Rituals/Ceremonies: (As there are some changes to this event compared to previous newsletter, we're mentioning this event again in this newsletter)**

On Sunday, 30th September - Pitru Tarpan Pooja after Morning Aarti – 10:30 am to 12:00 noon: It is open to all members and you can bring your Pitru's photo to participate in pooja @ £ 25 per family. If you would like to participate, please contact Poojari Shri. Dharmeshbhai Pandya (OR) BHS email.

On Monday, 8th October - Sarva Pitru Amnavasya Tarpan Pooja after Morning Aarti – 10:30 am to 12:00 noon: It is open to all members and you can bring your Pitru's photo to participate in pooja @ £ 25 per family. If you would like to participate, please contact Poojari Shri. Dharmeshbhai Pandya (OR) BHS email.

- **Tuesday 9th October - Thursday, 18th October 2018 – Navratri Celebrations**

As usual, Navratri will be celebrated at the Cresset this year from 9th October - 17th October 2018. **Only on Thursday, 18th October 2018** Navratri Celebrations will happen @ our BHS Mandir. If you wish, you can also perform Mataji Pooja at our Mandir every day after Morning Aarti @ £21/- per aasan for up to 4 people, during the above navratri dates.

Venue: Cresset Ltd, Rightwell, Bretton Centre, Peterborough PE3 8DX

Start Timings: First Aarti @ 7:30 pm, during Navratri. Followed by Garba & Dandia

Closing Timings: Closing Aarti @ 10:30 pm from Monday - Thursday.

Closing Aarti @ 11:30 pm from Friday - Sunday.

Anyone interested to perform Aarti during Navratri at Cresset, can do so, @ £15/-

Entrance free with the valid membership card. Guests £ 5 pp. Under 18s free (Kindly Refer to '**BHS Membership Card for Navratri Event @ The Cresset**' section in page 1 of this newsletter).

There are some Interesting Competitions during Navratri:

1. **Religious attire (Fancy Dress) Competition for Children:** On **Friday 12th October 2018**. Please **arrive at the cresset before 8:30pm** to enter the competitions as entries to the competition will be closed at 8:30 pm.
2. **Best Garba Dancers (Gents & Ladies):** On **Saturday, 13th October 2018: Also, Bidding will be done for Gauchara Boxes.** (Kindly Refer '**Competitions during Navratri Event @ The Cresset**' section in page 1 of this Newsletter).
3. **Aarti Thali Competition:** On **Sunday, 14th October 2018** - Please **arrive at the cresset before 8:30pm** to enter the competitions as entries to the competition will be closed at 8:30 pm.

Anybody who would like to donate for light refreshments (like drinks/chips etc.) can do so, either before the event or during the event. ***Please ensure any food donations, offerings or prasadi brought to Navratri DO NOT contain any egg or animal products. Also, kindly make sure that any drinks donated DO NOT contain alcohol.***

Mandir will be closed @ 7:30pm during Navratri!

- **Sunday 14th October 2018 – Special Garba & Dandia for Children Only- from 2 pm to 4pm:**

This year BHS is organising a Special Garba & Dandia & Aarti for Children at our mandir. This event will give children a chance to enjoy the Navratri festival earlier in the day and without the big crowds.

This event is free of charge, but if anyone who wish to bring Lani (gifts for children) please contact Jayshreeben or Bina Pankhania.

All children must be accompanied by an adult for the whole duration.

Please bring your own dandias.

Snacks/drinks will be provided. Please feel free to bring any prasadi offerings.

- **Sunday 21st October 2018 – Dussera Havan - After Morning Aarti - 10.30am Onwards**

Dussera Havan will be performed on the above date after morning Aarti, followed by bhojan prasadi.

Looking for **Main Yajmans @ £351/-**. For **additional yajmans**, it's **£51/- per Kund** for up to 4 people. **There will be a maximum of 12 Kunds**. Those who would like to participate, please contact the Poojari Shri.

Dharmeshbhai Pandya (OR) BHS Email.

- **Tuesday, 23rd October 2018 – Sharad Purnima after evening aarti - from 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm:** BHS has planned to celebrate this event this year where Garba & Dandia will be performed after the evening aarti. Looking forward for more participation from members.

- **Saturday, 27th October 2018 - Karva Chauth from 4:00 pm Onwards:**

BHS will be celebrating Karva Chauth this year too.

Timings: From 4:00 pm – 6.00 pm @ our BHS Mandir followed by evening Aarti.

- **Saturday, 27th October 2018 - Diwali Celebrations @ Cathedral Square from 11.00 am onwards:**

Peterborough Diwali Festival will be celebrated on Saturday 27th October at Cathedral Square

Peterborough from 11am To 5pm. All are invited with friends and family. If anyone wishes to perform in the entertainment programme, please contact Ushaben Trivedi on utrivedi@hotmail.com . If anyone wants to help and volunteer, please contact Jayshreeben Mehta on jayshreemehta@ntlworld.com .

- **Tuesday, 6th November & Wednesday, 7th November 2018 – Diwali Celebrations:**

On Tuesday, 6th November - Kali Caudas & Narakachaturdasi- from 11 am onwards

11 Hanuman Chalisa Recital will be performed after Morning Aarti. All are welcome.

On Wednesday, 7th November – Diwali & Lakshmi/Chopda Pooja - After Evening Aarti - 7:30 pm onwards.

Lakshmi / Chopda Poojan: Pooja can be performed after evening aarti. Those who would like to perform

Lakshmi Pooja, can do so, and it's £25/- Per Family

Light refreshments will be provided.

- **Thursday, 8th November 2018 - Annakoot/Gujarati New Year - From 9.00 am onwards.**

The mandir will be open the whole day from 9 am onwards. Devotees can bring their Prasad offering anytime and leave it in the space specifically allocated for this purpose at the mandir. Satsang will start from 5pm onwards, followed by evening aarti and subsequently all the prasad will be shared by devotees.

- **Govardhan Pooja:** This year we'll be performing Govardhan Pooja from 11 am onwards. Those who would like to perform the pooja can do so, and its £11/- per aasan from up to 4 people.
- **Rangoli Competition:** This year, BHS is planning to conduct Rangoli Competition for our members. You can either prepare your Rangoli at home and bring it to the mandir (either previous day 7th November during the mandir opening hours or on 8th November) and display it in the space specifically allocated for this purpose (OR) As the mandir is open the whole day, you can come and do the Rangoli at the mandir too it in the space specifically allocated for this purpose

- **Tuesday, 13th November 2018 – Skanda Shashti - Soorasamharam - 5:30 pm onwards:**
Peterborough Sri Murugan Devotees Association (PSMDA) will be performing Skanda Shashti - Soorasamharam in the evening from 5:30 pm onwards. Pooja & Abhishek will be performed. Homemade Takeaway Prasadam will be served. Looking for yajmaans for this event @ £51/- per family for up to 4 people. Anyone is welcome to sponsor the event. Those who would like to sponsor please contact Mr. Murali Anantharaman on 07788587581 OR Mr. Ranjith Mahamani on 07917731021.

- **Friday, 16th November 2018 - Skanda Shashti - Thirukkalyanam- from 5:30 pm onwards**

Skanda Shashti - Thirukkalyanam (Marriage of Lord Murugan with Goddess Deivanai):
Peterborough Sri Murugan Devotees Association (PSMDA) will be performing Skanda Shashti - Thirukkalyanam in the evening from 5 pm onwards. Pooja, Havan, Abishek & Kalyanam will be performed. Maha Prasadam will be served after pooja. Looking for yajmaans for this event @£51/- per family for up to 4 people. Anyone is welcome to sponsor the event. Those who would like to sponsor please contact Mr. Murali Anantharaman on 07788587581 OR Mr. Ranjith Mahamani on 07917731021.

- **Sunday 18th November 2018 – Tulsi Vivah - (Wedding of Lord Krishna & Goddess Tulsi):**

Details are yet to be finalised by the management, once it's finalised, you'll receive email communications in this regard.

- **Thursday, 22nd November 2018 – Thiru Karthigai Deepam - from 5:30 pm onwards:**
Peterborough Sri Murugan Devotees Association (PSMDA) will be performing Thiru Karthigai Deepam festival for Lord Murugan/Karthik. Pooja, Abishek & Peterborough Alayadeepam will be performed. Homemade Takeaway Prasaadam will be served after pooja. Looking for yajmaans for this event @£51/- per family for up to 4 people. Anyone is welcome to sponsor the event. Those who would like to sponsor please contact Mr. Murali Anantharaman on 07788587581 OR Mr. Ranjith Mahamani on 07917731021.

- **Sunday 25th November 2018 – Jalaram Jayanthi - from 2:00 pm onwards**

Satsang will start from 2 pm onwards followed by evening aarti & Bhojan Prasadi

Looking for **Main Yajmans @£351/-** per family.

- **Saturday, 8th December 2018 – Children's Christmas Party - from 2:00 pm onwards.**

BHS will be celebrating Children's Christmas Party from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm.

There'll be party games, singing Christmas Carols, Visit & present from Santa. Food will be served from 4:30 pm. @ 5:30pm Regular Hanuman Chalisa followed by evening aarti.

Looking for Sponsors for this event @ £251/-. Those who would like to sponsor the event, please let us know by email to BHS email address.

- **Saturday, 15th December 2018 – Family Dinner & Dance Party Organised by BHS – timings & rest of the details are yet to be confirmed.**

BHS will be celebrating Family Dinner & Dance Party on the above date. The Committee is planning for this event, so, we don't have all the details now. We'll will provide the details in this regard via email once programme is finalised.

- **Gita Jayanti – Tuesday 18th December** – Gita Recital & Discussion from 11.00 – 12.00

- **Sunday, 13th January 2019 – Lohri Celebrations - from 4 pm onwards**

BHS will be celebrating Lohri Event this year too. Lohri Celebrations will start from 4 pm onwards followed by Prasadi.

Music & Dance: You can enjoy the whole evening with music & dance.

Main Yajmaan: We're looking for Main Yajmaan for this event @ £151/- per family. Anyone interested, kindly, respond to this email or contact our Poojari Shri. Dharmeshbhai Pandya.

- **Monday, 21st January 2019 – Thai Poosam - from 5:30 pm onwards.**

Peterborough Sri Murugan Devotees Association (PSMDA) will be celebrating Thai Poosam for Lord Murugan/Karthik in the evening. Pooja, Abishek & Paal Kavadi will be performed. Homemade Takeaway prasadam will be served. Looking for yajmaans for this event. Anyone is welcome to sponsor the event @£51/- per family for up to 4 people. Those who would like to sponsor please contact Mr. Murali Anantharaman on 07788587581 OR Mr. Ranjith Mahamani on 07917731021.

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Poojari's Email Address: rammandirpoojari@gmail.com

Our Regular Activities:

- **Gujarati Classes – every Saturday 11.30 – 12.30 pm** £ 3 per class per participant, for member and their children. £ 5 per class per participant for non-members. Tutor : Mrs Ushaben Trivedi – utrivedi@hotmail.com – 07939527102
- **Men's Badminton:** Every Tuesday from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Please **Contact Nirubhai Trivedi on 07939527102. For Members its £6/- per hour during the mandir opening hours & £8/- per hour outside the mandir opening hours.**

- **Hanuman Chalisas x 11 – every Saturday 5.30 – 6.30 pm**
- **Lunch Club for Seniors – every Monday & Tuesday – 11.30 am – 1.30 pm**
- **Sai Bhajans – 1st Thursday of the month – 7.30 – 9.00 pm**
- **Satsang – 1st Tuesday of the Month 7.15 – 8.00 pm** by Peterborough Sri Murugan Devotees Association (Tamil Community). Please contact Mrs Gayathriben Murali – 07850 625205.
- **School Visits** – regular during term time. We are looking for more volunteers who could talk to school children visiting the mandir, about hinduism, deities, symbols, festivals etc. There's a standard script in this regard that's being followed by all volunteers. Please contact me or Mrs Rajni Reddy – rajnireddy07@aol.com – 07940 362975 if you would like to volunteer.