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Welcome to the inaugural issue of Lohana Community United Kingdom's (LCUK) eNewsletter, an email bulletin that will keep you and your family in touch with the latest Lohana Community news, views, events and achievements. The eNewsletter will be published every 6 to 8 weeks.

We have launched this in January 2006 to mark the start of another successful year in the history of Lohanans in the UK. We wish all our Lohana members a very happy, prosperous and peaceful 2006. Please send in your news items to us directly on eNews@LCUK.org.uk - all news on engagements, weddings, births, deaths, achievements, etc will be considered for inclusion in this regular newsletter.

Forthcoming Events

LCUK Variety Show 2006

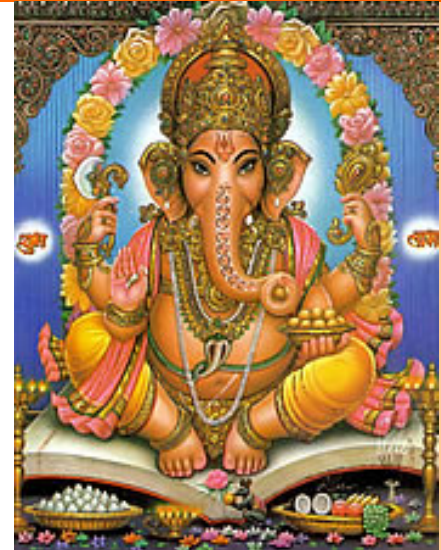
The LCUK Variety Show 2006 will be held on Sunday 26th February 2006 at the Brent Town Hall, Wembley, Middlesex. Mahajans across the UK will be presenting filmy, cultural and variety items with prizes being awarded to the top entries. The programme will start at 1:00 pm and finish at around 5:30 pm followed by a buffet dinner for all. (Click [here](#) to view flyer)

Ticket price will range from £7.50 to £17.50. For more details please email on varietyshow@lcuk.org.uk or see our website at www.LCUK.org.uk

Easter Sports Festival

The LCUK will be hosting its annual Easter Sports Festival at Gosling Sports Park, Welwyn Garden City in Hertfordshire from Friday 14th April 2006 to Monday 17th April 2006. A number of individual and team sports competitions will be played including Badminton, Tennis, Pool, Table Tennis, Cricket, 5-a-side Football, Netball, Basketball, etc. Age ranges for the competitions will be Under 12, 12 to 16 years, 16 to 40 years and 40 plus.

There will be a full range of social events each evening including discos, mehfil, antakshari, family fun night and also fun sports day for children. Watch the LCUK website at www.LCUK.org.uk for more details.



With best wishes to all community members for a Happy, Successful and Prosperous New Year from the LCUK President, Trustees & Members of the LCUK Central Council.

Congratulations to the eNewsletter Team for the launch of the project and best wishes for its continued success.

**"Nutan Varash Na
Shubh Abhinandan"**

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LCUK To publish Prathna Book

The LCUK is publishing a prathna booklet which will be distributed to all Mahajans in the UK for use during funeral and shok sabha ceremonies. The booklet will contain a selection of appropriate dhuns, bhajans and Anjali Geet and is due to be published early in 2006. Lohanas wishing to contribute to this project or wanting to include a message "in memory of" someone dear that has passed away can do so at a nominal charge of £25 per message - for more details please email

[**booklet@LCUK.org.uk**](mailto:booklet@LCUK.org.uk)

LCUK to formally launch Lohana Matchmaker

The LCUK Matrimonial sub-committee had released a website at [**www.LohanaMatchmaker.com**](http://www.LohanaMatchmaker.com) some 4 months ago for pilot use and testing purposes. Feedback has been very positive and we actually have some members using the website. An automated matching and introduction service is offered to all eligible Lohanas in the UK.

The website has been improved based on feedback received and some further extensive testing is being undertaken. It is planned to launch the full website and services in February 2006 - possibly Valentine's Day 14th February - how appropriate. Watch out on the LCUK and Lohana Matchmaker websites for more news on the launch date and events.



Mahajan News From Around The UK

Southampton Lohana Mahajan Launches Website

Lohana Community Southampton has launched its website which is sponsored by LCUK. The mahajan is the ninth one in the UK to have its own website - congratulations. Check it out at

[**www.SotonLohanas.org.uk**](http://www.SotonLohanas.org.uk) - all feedback to

[**Secretary@SotonLohanas.org.uk**](mailto:Secretary@SotonLohanas.org.uk).

To see all the other Lohana Mahajan websites in the UK and worldwide visit our LCUK website or go to [**www.lcuk.org.uk/weblinks.htm**](http://www.lcuk.org.uk/weblinks.htm) -

check out the newly launched Nairobi Lohanas website at

[**www.LohanaNairobi.info**](http://www.LohanaNairobi.info) - all feedback to

[**webmaster@lohananairobi.info**](mailto:webmaster@lohananairobi.info) - thank you.

YLA East London Valentines Party

The YLAEL hosted a very successful Childrens Xmas Party on 18th December 2005 - the kids enjoyed the festivity, their fancy dress competition and the entertainment whilst the parent body (LCEL) hosted a Bingo session for the parents and arranged delicious food for everyone young and old.

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YLAEL are hosting a special Valentines Party - Stupid Cupid II - after the success of the same last year. The event will be held on Saturday 18th February 2006 at the Corney & Barrow (nearest station St Pauls). The programme will start with a Speed Dating session for Over 23's from 7:00pm to 9:00pm followed by an Over 18's party from 9:00pm to 2:00am. For more details or to book tickets please email info@yrael.com or check out their website at www.YLAEL.com

Leicester Mahajan To Host Indian Visa surgery

Shree Lohana Mahajan Leicester will be hosting a special India Visa Surgery at the Lohana Mahajan Hall (above Ram Mandir) in Leicester on 14th February, 11th March, 14th October, 11th November and 9th December 2006. The sessions will be held from 9:30am to 4:00pm on each of the Saturdays listed. For more details please email info@rammandir.info or look at the Ram Mandir website at www.RamMandir.info

Northamptonshire Lohana Mahajan "chokdi" competition

Northamptonshire Mahajan, having successfully celebrated a Diwali Dinner & Dance Dhamaka and Christmas Party in 2005 are all set to host a round robin cards - chokdi - competition on Saturday 21st January 2006. The winners will receive a floating trophy as this is planned to be an annual event.

For more details about the event or to enter please contact kiritmajithia@yahoo.co.uk - he is our eNews Reporter for the Northamptonshire Mahajan.

Religious & Cultural Dates 2006

With 2005 successfully behind us, it's time to get ready for 2006! All our main cultural and religious dates are listed on the LCUK website at www.lcuk.org.uk/culturaldates.htm - watch for regular updates via the LCUK eNewsletter on the functions being organised by the local Lohana mahajans in the UK to celebrate the events.

Community Announcements

Bereavements

Shree **Batukbhai Ruparel** son of Chhaganlal and Savitaben Ruparel sadly passed away after a short illness in Nairobi on 3 December 2005 in Nairobi. He was well known as Batuk of Muthaiga Mini Market. He was 65 year of age.

Smt. **Shantaben Narandasbhai Odhavji Ruparel** of Kenton (formerly Mombasa) passed away in early December 2005 at the age of 78 years.

Smt. **Mankuverben Laljibhai Vadera** of Hempstead (Formerly of India) passed away on Monday 2nd January 2006 at the age of 91.

Smt. **Shantaben Muljibhai Dattani** of Edmonton (Formerly Pakvaj) passed away on Sunday 1st January 2006 at the age of 74 years.

Hot News!

Lohanas Win Top Asian Achievers Awards 2005

The Carlton Tower Hotel in Knightsbrige was the prestigious venue where the annual Asian Achievers Awards 2005 were hosted by Asian Business Publications Ltd (ABPL), publishers of the weekly Gujarat Samachar and Asian Voice newspapers.

Lakshmi Mittal was judged the Entrepreneur of the Year 2005. Three of the eleven categories were won by Lohanas. **Manubhai Madhvani** won the Lifetime Achievement Award, **Chandubhai Kanani** of West London won the award for Achievement in Community Services and **Viresh Chandarana** of East London won the award for Young Achiever of the Year. Other shortlisted Lohana nominations included **George Jatania & Gopal Popat**.

A cricket bat signed by the recent English and Australian Test teams was auctioned for the benefit of Help The Aged - the chosen charity of ABPL Group. Andrew (Freddie) Flintoff and Wasim Akram were both present at the ceremony and £25,000 was raised for the charity. Click [here](#) to read the full press release.

Fardeen Khan Marries Natasha Madhvani

Fardeen Khan, son of macho man Feroz Khan and estranged wife Sundari, got married in a civil ceremony with his childhood sweetheart Natasha Madhwani (daughter of Lohana industrialist Mayur Madhwani and former film star Mumtaz) The couple decided not to have a religious wedding but to affirm their vows in the simplest of ceremonies.

The elegant sophistication of the wedding held the city of Mumbai spellbound. The Grand Hyatt Hotel Ballroom, where the wedding took place on 15th December 2005 – with an equally glittering reception attended by every Bollywood star and celebrity to follow soon after – looked resplendent with flowers, swathes of lame and silk and flickering lights.

The ceremony, a registered marriage conducted according the civil laws of India, was followed by heart-warming speeches by the bridegroom, bride and their respective fathers. Bollywood celebrities turned up in huge droves to wish the bridal couple the very best for their new life together.

Contributions & Feedback

If you have any contributions to make to our next e-newsletter, please email all relevant details to enews@lcuk.org.uk no later than 3rd February 2006. News items provided will be included if relevant and with space permitting. The eNews Editorial team reserves the right to make amendments if and as necessary.

Similarly, if you have any feedback to give us on this e-newsletter please email the Convenor Ajay Jobanputra on [**feedback@lcuk.org.uk**](mailto:feedback@lcuk.org.uk) - thank you for your time and support.

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