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The feedback from Issue 1 of our eNewsletter has been fantastic. Many of you have written in and many more have also passed the word around resulting in a large number of new subscribers also registering with us at www.Lohana.info - backdated copies of eNews are available there in both display and print formats

Thank you for your feedback and also for the huge support - we all need to work together to make this eNewsletter a success in order to keep the Lohanas in UK in touch with the Community

Forthcoming LCUK Events & Projects

LCUK Variety Show 2006

Tickets are selling out fast for the LCUK Variety Show 2006 which is to be held on **Sunday 26th February 2006** at the Brent Town Hall, Wembley, Middlesex. Mahajans across the UK will present filmy, cultural and variety items with prizes being awarded to the 3 top entries. The programme will start at 1:00 pm and finish at around 5:30 pm followed by a buffet dinner for all. Ticket price ranges from £7.50 to £17.50. (Click [here](#) to see the poster for more details)

With 26th February being MahaShivratri, a special "Farad" dinner menu will be available to all those attending. For more details please email on VarietyShow@LCUK.org.uk.

LCUK Fashion Show and Dinner & Dance

The Mahila subcommittee of LCUK are hosting a special evening with a Fashion Show, Live music and Dinner & Dance at The Empire Banqueting Hall, 1 Foundary Lane, Belgrave Gate in Leicester on **Saturday 18th March 2006**. Doors open at 6:00pm and the event starts at 7:00pm.

Tickets are only £18 per head including a full 3 course dinner with top catering by Indigo Restaurant. The fashion show is organised with a fashion house using professional models. Some very attractive prizes are also on offer in a raffle draw on the evening with lovely prizes including a photo session with Maz Photography.



**Maha Shivratri
26th February 2006**

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For more details or to book tickets please email Fashion@LCUK.org.uk - tables of 10 are available for groups. Book early to avoid disappointment as tickets are limited.

LCUK Easter Sports Festival

The Lohana Sports Association (LSA) 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.

A full set of social programmes is also planned in the evenings to include youth discos, mehfil night, fun casino evening. A daytime schedule is also being planned for special sessions to keep the non-sporting visitors busy - these include trial Yoga sessions, Trampolining, Hindi film shows, Mehndi and Cookery demonstrations, a bazaar and much more. We have also got special reduced price entry for the Golf driving range and dry ski slope lessons at Gosling.

Registration for the event has begun with a **special half price offer** (£5 instead of £10) for those who send in their details by email to LSA2006@LCUK.org.uk. Check out the LCUK website LSA2006 page at www.LCUK.org.uk for more details.

LCUK Prathna Book - Closing Date

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 angeli geet and is due to be published early in 2006. The closing date for any family messages for this booklet is 28th February 2006 - the booklet will be printed and published soon after.

Community News & Events

LCUK Donates To Charity

The Mahila subcommittee of the LCUK hosted a charity Mehfil programme last year and have donated the grand sum of £1550 to the Care Education Trust. The trust provides schooling and other benefits to deprived and disabled children in India.

Birmingham Mahajan

Following a very successful Ladies Night-out event in January, Shree Lohana Association Birmingham have organised their annual Bhajan and Bhojan event on Sunday 12th February at Shree Lakshminarayan Temple, Warwick Road from 3pm to 9pm. Bhajans will start at 3pm followed by "Jamunaji ni Loti Utsav". Bhojan will be served from 7.30pm onwards. See www.lcbirmingham.org.uk for more details.

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West London Speed Dating

Lohana Community West London are hosting a speed dating and introductions programme on Saturday 25th February 2006 at LMT Centre, Repton Avenue, Sudbury, Wembley, Middlesex HA0 3DW from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Forms can be downloaded - [click here](#). All queries by email to SpeedDate@lcwl.org.uk.

Civil Weddings At Shree Jalaram Mandir West London

Civil Weddings can be held seven days a week at Shree Jalaram Mandir in Greenford, West London. The mandir is fully licensed to conduct the weddings with their own in-house Registrars. A special Wedding Package is also available for £3001. This covers the cost of the Civil Wedding, Hindu Wedding, Priest, Mandap and catering for 175 guests. Other packages are available - email Wedding@lcwl.org.uk for more details.

Leicester Mahajan Hall Refurbished

The hall above Ram Mandir in Leicester has been extensively refurbished by Leicester Mahajan and will be available for hire later this year. The capacity for 400 seated and excellent lighting, sound and stage facilities makes this an ideal venue for weddings and parties. Watch eNewsletter for more details on the opening ceremony, facilities available and hire rates, etc.

Forthcoming Religious & Cultural Events

Maha Shivratri is on Sunday 26th February and **Holi** is on Tuesday 14th March with **Dhuleti** on Wednesday 15th March - enjoy the festivities and make this a Holi to remember - send in your photos if you are celebrating Dhuleti (day after Holi when you spray colours on your nearest, dearest and all friends who dare to join in this fun celebration) and we will publish the best ones.

Maha Shivratri "rudraabhishek pooja" is being hosted by Shree Jalaram Mandir, Greenford in West London on Sunday 26th Feb. The first pooja starts from 9.00am and thereafter every hour till 7.00pm. Prasad will be served from 1.00pm till 7.00pm. Holi celebrations are also being hosted by Shree Jalaram Mandir on Tuesday 14th March from 5:30pm - all are welcome.

Lohana Achievers

Naina Morjaria of Milton Keynes joined an expedition which successfully climbed to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro in East Africa in December 2005. Naina raised over £2000 for the Sight Savers charity. Congratulations on the excellent achievement and on raising money for a good charitable cause.

Southend On Sea
Harishbhai Raichura

Peterborough
Keshma Rughani

Community Announcements

Weddings & Engagements

Seeta Kataria daughter of Mukandbhai & Charuben got engaged to **Kohil Patel** son of Harishbhai & Meenaben on 4th December 2005.

Devan Lakhani son of Haribhai & Bhanuben married **Reena Patel** daughter of Kiritbhai & Survarnaben on 5th December 2005

Nisha Karia daughter of Harishbhai & Ushaben is to marry **Rakesh Madhani**, son of Manharlal & Shardaben Madhani on 25th February 2006.

Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to **Naren & Hansa Rach** of East London celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 17th January. They are both also moving to Australia in the very near future.

Bereavements

Smt. Sejal Madlani, daughter of Shree Vinodbhai and Smt. Sarojben Madlani of Peterborough, sadly passed away on 4th January, aged 23 years. Sejal was the sister of Smt. Shital Madlani, joint secretary of Peterborough Lohana Mahajan.

Shree Bhagwanjibhai Dayaljibhai Buddhdev, husband of Smt Pushpaben Buddhdev, sadly passed away on 7th January, aged 72 years.

Smt. Prabhavantiben Damodarbai Nakarja of Brentford (formerly Jinja) sadly passed away on 11th January at the age of 82 years.

Smt. Shantaben Dayalal Nathwani, mother of Shree Liladherbhai Dayalal Nathwani Leicester, Late Chandubhai Dayalal Nathwani, Shree Narendrabhai (Nero) Dayalal Nathwani, Gorleston on Sea, Gt Yarmouth and Late Mukeshbhai Dayalal Nathwani, Leicester sadly passed away on 13th January.

Shree Babubhai Amratlalbhai Pajwani of Twickenham (formerly Mombasa) sadly passed away on 16th January, aged 58 years

Smt. Godavriben Jamnadasbhai Kantaria sadly passed away in Nairobi on 26th January at the age of 82 years.

Smt. Gangaben Chhaganbhai Paw, mother of Vithalbhai Paw, LCWL Executive Member sadly passed away on 30th January in Leicester.

Shree Mathuradas Vallabhdas Tanna of (Kibos) Kisumu, Kenya sadly passed away on 31st January at the age of 78 years.

Smt. Kantaben Bhimji Samani of Saroti, Uganda sadly passed away on 3rd February at the age of 86 years

Shree Bharatbhai Manilalbhai Samani (of Wednesbury) son of Jayaben M Samani, husband to Chandriben B Samani sadly passed away on the night of Saturday 11th February. He was 53 years of age.

Shree. Lakhubhai Kotecha of Seven Kings (formerly Kampala) sadly passed away on 25th December 05 at the age of 68 years.

Shree Dwarkadas Chotai of Upton Park (formerly Uganda) sadly passed away on 19th January at the age of 73 years;

Smt. Manglaben Suryakant Radia, sadly passed away in Mombasa on 17th January, aged 72 years. She was the sister of Shree Chandubhai Rughani of Seven Kings committee member of LCEL.

Other News & Announcements

Promote The Gujarati Language

In order to promote the Gujarati Language, visit the link to the newly launched Gujarati Lexicon website at www.gujaratilexicon.com. It is absolutely free and has received glowing reviews. It contains 1.7 Million words and offers translation from English to Gujarati and vice versa.

Sandipani Hari Mandir Mahotsav

With the blessings of the spiritual leadership of Pujya Bhaishri Rameshbhai Oza, the Sandipani Mandir Mahotsav Festival was celebrated at Sandipani Vidyaniketan, Porbandar, Gujarat State from 2nd February to 13th February 2006.

The consecration of the Shri Hari Mandir took place during 2nd, 3rd and 4th February 2006 and Shrimad Bhagwat Saptah was held from 5th February to 13th February, when Pujya Bhaishri recited the holy Bhagwat Katha from the Vyas Pith. Some 150,000 people visited from the UK, many of them Lohanas. For more details visit www.sandipanioidg.org.

Did You Know?

Mahatma Gandhi's 58th Death anniversary was on January 30th - he was shot by Nathuram Godse on the same day in 1948 in Delhi. Gandhibapu's last words "Hey Ram" are inscribed on a shining black memorial stone in Rajghat, Delhi where his last rites were performed.

Gandhibapu was the architect who framed India's struggle for independence and was a strong promoter of peace, non-violence, truth and honesty. He dreamed of a classless and caste-less India where people of all religions lived in true harmony. His dictum "My life is my message" makes him a beacon for millions around the globe.

Contributions & Feedback

If you have any contributions to make to our next e-newsletter, please email all relevant details to [**enews@lcuk.org.uk**](mailto:enews@lcuk.org.uk) no later than 10th March 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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