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परित्राणाय साधूनां विनाशाय च दुष्कृताम्। धर्मसंस्थापनार्थाय संभवामि युगे युगे॥



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Brothers, Sisters & Respected Elders,

Welcome to the August 2013 newsletter. I hope it reaches you in the best of health and that you are enjoying the summer holidays.

As promised there are elections scheduled to select the new management committee and holding trustees. Although originally planned for 11th August 2013, a significant number of members have pointed out that they will be on holiday, and so unable to take part in voting. Members have requested postal or proxy votes, but the electoral board have instead suggested postponement of elections until **8th September 2013** (2nd Sunday of the month). Qualifying members will also have an option to vote on **1st September 2013** (1st Sunday of the month). Please refer to the letter from the chairman of the Electoral Board, enclosed.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who have put their names forward to be a candidate in the upcoming elections, and hope that the new committee and trustees can lead our temple into even greater glory. I am sure all the members will vote wisely and in the best interest of our temple.

On behalf of the management committee, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all the members who have showed their faith and trust in committee, helping us to fulfil our dream of having excellent facilities to compliment our temple. Between the two halls we are now able to generate revenue, contributing towards the cost of running our temple. As many of you have witnessed, the halls are great venues for holding Navaratri garba and Durga Puja. This would not have been possible without your valuable support.

We would also like to thank all of the volunteers who have given their time to help organise our religious functions, and all those who attended our events. As Chairman I would like to sincerely thank Ushaji, Palji and all of the Trustees for their wholehearted support. I would also like to thank Chiragi for organising our wonderful Diwali show at the Leeds Town Hall and all the participants who made the event successful. Finally, I would like to thank Amrishji and Jagdishji, who have played very important roles during this period in managing the religious programme and helping to raise funds for our construction project.

It is encouraging to see devotees continue to make donations towards running of our temple. In order for us to be able to gain the full benefit from the gift-aid scheme, please ensure any donations made in the *Bandar* (donation box) are accompanied with a Gift-aid form (form available from *Panditji*).

REMAINING WORK

The marble plaque for life members and donors is currently being manufactured in India and will soon be installed in a suitable place in the new hall. Flooring and three chandeliers are to be installed in Nakalank Bhavan, and a dishwasher, potato peeler and chipping machine are to be installed in the kitchen

Future plans to improve our temple facilities:

1. Develop our facilities to meet the requirements for use as a meeting venue
2. Find a suitable place for deities of Lakshmi, Narayan and others
3. Create a classroom for Languages- Gujarati, Hindi, Tamil, Bengali and others
4. Create a dance studio for teaching of cultural & classical dances
5. Develop health and fitness facilities for members

OTHER IMPORTANT MATTERS

The management committee would like to request the following:

- Please keep a close eye on children to prevent accidents. In April, the daughter of Amrishji suffered an injury to her hand. Fortunately it was minor, but accidents can happen to others too. Please don't let children run around in the temple hall or in the car park.
- I am really pleased to see good numbers of devotees visiting our temple, but as a result it can sometimes be difficult to find a parking spot. Please don't forget to leave your name or mobile number CLEARLY on display in the event of your vehicle causing an obstruction (Use of car park is at your own risk, and the management committee accept no responsibility). Please keep the designated spaces for elderly and disabled visitors free to be used by those who need it.
- Please don't sound the temple bell during functions and when we have visitors from schools etc.

REGULAR PROGRAMMES

- *Mata ki Chowki* is held on the first Saturday of every month, unless stated otherwise on the poster above the entrance of the temple. Sponsors are invited, so please contact *Panditji* or Sarbanji
- *Jalaram bhajan* and *bhojan* is held on every second Thursday of the month. If you wish to sponsor the *bhajan* please contact *Panditji* (Please disregard any rumours of cancellation unless expressly informed by the management committee).