

# Newsletter

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Gujarati  
Cultural  
Society

Brighton and Hove

Charity no.1014366

## Dear Friends

*Jai Shree Krishna to all! Hope you are all warming up with Spring in the air now!*

*After last year's successful Hindu Festivals and other Social events your committee has been working very hard to prepare and reconcile the Accounts and plan for this year's Festivals, Events and Social integration.*

### 1. **Our AGM:** FOR MEMBERS OF GCS ONLY

*Will be held on Sunday 20th of March 2016 at the Portslade Mandir. Please see the Upcoming Events in the right side column for details. As per the GCS Constitution 12 members are elected as the Committee to serve for three years. Three members will retire in rotation and New committee members may be nominated in the enclosed Nomination Forms properly completed to reach us before the 13th March 2016.*

*We would very much like younger members of our community to join the Executive Committee and take our GCS in their new direction to continue and build on our 45 years of glorious Hindu tradition in this glorious City of Brighton and Hove.*

*Evening snacks / light dinner will be provided by the GCS following the AGM..*

2. **Holi: Wednesday 23rd March** at the Stanmer Park Brighton.  
*Please inform your family and friends; everybody is welcome.*

### 3. **Navaratri and Dasera Festival:**

**Saturday 1st October- Monday 10th October:** *This year we have two weekends so it will be a huge kick off.. See Venue below ...*

## Upcoming Events

### 1. **AGM** GCS

**20th March 2016 Sunday**

**5.00 pm- 7.00pm**

*Followed by Aarti and food*

### **Swaminarayan Mandir**

79a Trafalgar Road, **Portslade**  
Brighton and Hove, E. Sussex  
BN41 1XD UK.

### 2. **Holi**

**23rd March 2016**

**Wednesday**

**8.00 pm - 11.00 pm**

Stanmer Park, Lewes Road,

BN1 9SE, Brighton

## Important Announcement

The Hindu Elderly Group members have approached Gujarati Cultural Society to take over the group and integrate it with the GCS. The GCS committee welcomes this and talks are under way to Facilitate this.

Since we have lost the Town Hall we have approached more than 20 School Halls and Church halls and other Venues, experiencing great difficulty in getting the right size Hall in and around Brighton for Navratri for all the days. We have eventually succeeded in confirming the following **Venue for Navaratri:**

**The Spire, Church Place, Brighton, BN2 5JN**



### **Important Social development news:**

The Sussex Police Department have launched a new social initiative to integrate and establish ongoing contact with all Faith Communities in Sussex. Acting Inspector A/I Neil is leading this who has been communicating with our Inter Faith Representative Dr. Milind Jani, who arranged a preliminary meeting at the Temple in order to familiarize him with our Hindu Faith and the needs of our Community. They have offered an application for funding – an amount of £500 as a one off- for an elderly group event.

**Here is a brief from A/I Neil Bates:**

"I am an Acting Inspector with Sussex Police and have recently taken up our faith Champion role for the Buddhist, Hindu and Sikh faiths. As an organisation, Sussex Police is committed to making itself accessible to every community and our two key priorities are:

- 1) To provide support to faith and belief communities in accessing policing services
- 2) To improve trust and confidence within faith communities to increase reporting of hate crime and other crime.

I have recently been in touch with members of the Gujarati Cultural Society to introduce myself and to develop my own understanding of Hinduism and its rich culture. I am seeking to better understand what issues your community is facing and how we can work together to address them. I have been overwhelmed by the warm welcome I have received and was delighted to have the chance to visit the Temple in Brighton recently.

I am looking forward to developing this relationship in the near future and hopefully meeting more of the community.

**A/Insp Neil Bates CB198  
Sussex Police".**

Mr Chandrakant Mehta BMECP representative has informed us of the possibility of applying for grants through the BMECP and also the Chinese New Year Celebration. He has mentioned a few avenues and will explore these for GCS.

### **Upcoming Events**

**3 Cricket & Family  
Get Together**

**Date TBA June 2016**

**4. Bhajan at Mandir**

**Date TBA starts form Apr 16**

**5. Trip to Holland-Tulip  
Festival for Couples**

**Date TBA April or May 16**



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