





39 young women took the 500-mile Cycle Challenge in support of health and other activities for women in Leicester 30.08.08



Healthy Heart Campaign 21 & 28.06.08



National Sponsored Family Walk & Fun Run raises £24,000 for Diabetes UK 06.04.08

"With your efforts, you will make a difference and help us reach the 750,000 people we need to reach"

DOUGLAS SMALLWOOD
Chief Executive, Diabetes UK



FROM THE START OF THE HINDU NEW YEAR in November 2007, health awareness and medical services were a major focus of activities for BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha (BAPS) in the UK. This included working with and supporting numerous charities: Asthma UK, British Heart Foundation, Cancer Research UK, Diabetes UK, Heart UK, MIND, Primary Care Trusts – Brent, Stroke Association, and Transplant UK.

A highlight was raising £24,000 for Diabetes UK through the National Annual Sponsored Walk, in which 3,200 participants walked at 14 centres. They also contributed to several other local charities and hospitals around the country.



Raising funds for Diabetes UK at IKEA in Wembley 19.04.08



Health

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Ladies Health Awareness Fair
11.10.08

"Traditional Indian vegetarian meals are easy on the pounds – both around your waist and your wallet – and can be tasty, too."

MANJU MALHI
Celebrity TV Chef

TWO HEALTH FAIRS PROVED VERY SUCCESSFUL for the local community. The first covered chronic kidney disease, dementia, and asthma, and also introduced Basic Life Support Training for volunteers.

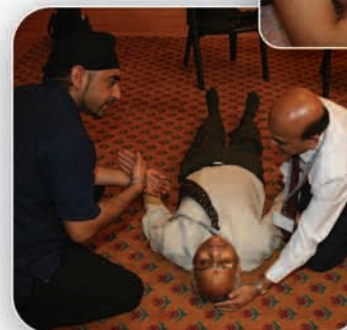
The second fair provided essential guidance to women through workshops and interactive presentations on breast and cervical cancer, osteoporosis, and menopause. It also featured a live cooking demonstration by celebrity chef Manju Malhi.



Ladies Health Awareness Fair
11.10.08



Health Fair
13.09.08



Basic Life Support Training
28.06.08



Team-building activities at a Regional Family Seminar
03.08



"This was better than any holiday we've been on together! I rediscovered who we are – as a family. Please, can we have more of these!"

TEENAGE DAUGHTER



Parents' Days
06.08

Parents' Day
01.03.08



Family Kite Day
14.01.08

IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR PARENTS' EVENINGS and other family events, BAPS took on a fresh challenge this year: organising day-long Regional Family Seminars at key centres around the country.

Throughout March, two seminars in London and one each in Leicester and Ashton proved an overwhelming success in guiding 495 families to grow closer through better communication and understanding. The seminars were fun, interactive and informative.

Children

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National Toddlers' Camp
for 240 young children aged 3 to 8
05.07.08



Learning is fun and exciting at the
National Summer Training Camp
1-10.08.08



Classes at the weekly
Sunday School for children
07-08



*"[This] is laying the foundation for a safer,
healthier and brighter future for our country."*

GUEST SPEAKER
at the National Children's Convention
26.04.08



CONVENTIONS, WORKSHOPS, SUMMER CAMPS, talent-enhancing classes,...
and much more were organised this year
specifically for children of various age groups.
The aim was clear: to help the young enjoy and
make the most of their childhood
while also preparing them for the challenges that lie ahead
in our increasingly testing times.

And as always at these events, all the children had great fun!



Anti-Bullying Workshop
hosted with the
Victim Support Unit for Brent
29.03.08





Charity Golf Day raised £10,000 for the education of underprivileged children in India
24.09.08

Regular badminton sessions
07.08



Sports is a fun way for everyone – especially the young – to engage with others and remain fit. BAPS organises annual national tournaments for football, cricket and netball, and regularly holds other sporting events, including for charity.



These events also help to pass on some of life's most valuable lessons. Participants learn to work in a team as well to carry individual responsibility, and also to accept both defeat and victory with grace and humility.

Most importantly, everyone is encouraged to join in.



U23s National 5-a-Side Football Tournament
31.08.08

National Twenty20 Cricket Cup
02.08.08



U13s National Netball Tournament
26.07.08



"I'm so glad to see so many of you out here eager to learn the great lessons sport has to offer."

MIKE GATTING
Former England Cricket Captain
at the opening of the
National 8-a-Side Cricket Tournament
30.03.08

Education

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The Swaminarayan School
The 4th top independent school in the country
01.08

"It's so reassuring to know that [BAPS] is providing such strong support to our children even when they're at university."

PARENT after the University Students' Convention
26-28.09.08



High achievers are felicitated and everyone is encouraged to give their best
08.08



Cooking classes and discussion workshops at the University Students' Convention for students about to enrol at university
26-28.09.08



Booster Classes for students at Key Stages 2 & 3
02.08



THE SWAMINARAYAN SCHOOL ONCE AGAIN excelled this year. It was placed fourth among the top-performing independent schools in the country according to a Government report published in January. The summer GCSE results confirmed the status: a full 100% of all students achieved 5 A* to C grades, of which 41% were in the top A* and A band (compared to 20.7% nationally).

Other educational support services included specially-tailored classes, workshops and conventions for students at various stages of their academic careers.



BAPS volunteers participated in Capital Woman to celebrate International Women's Day with the Mayor of London
08.03.08

Visits to Elderly Care Homes by children
04.08



WITH THE COMMUNITY, FOR THE COMMUNITY.
This has been the thrust behind BAPS' activities this year as with every year. Whether observing international days of significance or reaching out to those often left neglected on the fringe of society, we have sought to make a positive, lasting impact on as many lives as possible.

Recent changes in society have also compelled us to help those most affected to adapt, making the services we offer both timely and relevant.

RETAILERS' SEMINAR

TOOLS TO BEAT THE CREDIT CRUNCH!

7.15pm
Tuesday 29 July 2008
Venue: Reception Hall
BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Neasden, London

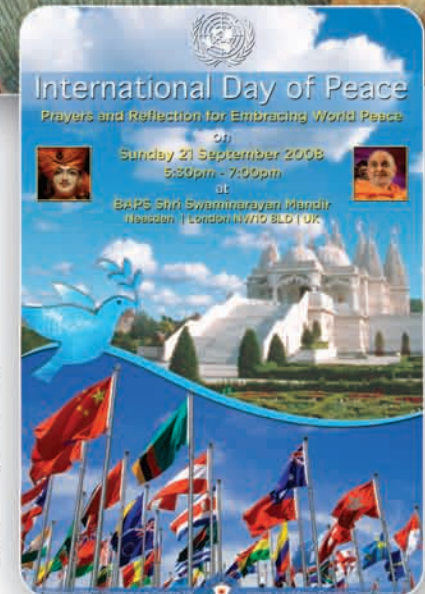
Kesh Morjana & Alpesh Patel



Regular Seminars provided pragmatic, relevant and timely help
29.07.08

"BAPS affirms the shared vision of our world at peace and in harmony... for us, our children, and for many more generations to come."

UN International Day of Peace
21.09.08



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Community

Volunteers

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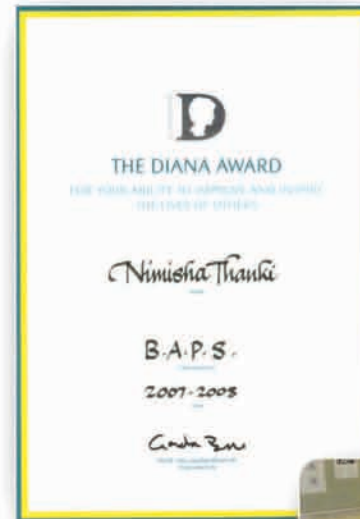
Leadership Training Convention
at Warwick Conference Park
22-25.07.08



Volunteer of the Year Devan Parekh (42)
Engineer & Senior Manager
Qualcomm, London



Sanjay Kara (32)
Contracts Manager
BT Global Services, London



"Volunteering with BAPS is really fulfilling because you get to meet and help so many people and also bring out your own talents."

Nimisha Thanki (17)
Student, Loughborough



BAPS INVESTS IN PEOPLE, empowering and inspiring them to not only excel for themselves, but also to improve the lives of others. We take this opportunity to congratulate our hundreds of dedicated volunteers around the country for making BAPS' year-round activities so successful and rewarding. Working together with you is a joy. Thank you!

A special congratulations to those who were also recognised by others this year.

GCSE Hinduism Classes
01-06.08



Weekly Satsang Assemblies
07-08

Ramanavmi
12.04.08



Swaminarayan Jayanti
12.04.08



Krishna Janmashtami
24.08.08



Hindu New Year's
Annakut
10.11.07

Shivaratri
06.03.08



AT BAPS CENTRES AROUND THE COUNTRY, we joyously celebrate all the popular festivals of the Hindu calendar. This includes Shivaratri, Holi, Ramanavmi, Swaminarayan Jayanti, Krishna Janmashtami, and of course Diwali and the Hindu New Year (Annakut).

In addition, weekly Satsang assemblies provide spiritual strength and enrichment to thousands of devotees in 35 mandirs and centres nationwide.

This year also saw our first round of GCSE Hinduism classes. All 34 students passed with top grades, with Elissa Patel achieving a perfect 100% score and coming in the top ten from over 94,000 RE entries!



FROM TOURISTS TO DIGNITARIES and schoolchildren to old age pensioners, everyone is welcome to explore, enjoy and experience the wonders of the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Neasden, London.

It continues to serve as a source of joy, inspiration and peace for thousands of visitors each year – fulfilling the vision of its creator, His Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj.

“Our children left with a sense of positivity about Hinduism and awesome memories of one of the most beautiful buildings they’d ever visited.”

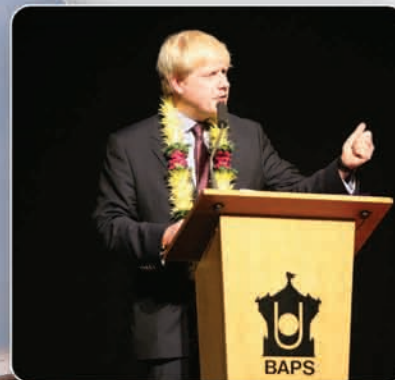
JULIAN CLARKE

Head of RE, Ripon Grammar School (North Yorkshire)

25.05.08

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Visitors



“I want a London where we all understand and share... [and] value each other's cultures, and I think this is a fantastic thing that you've achieved today with your wonderful Mandir.”

BORIS JOHNSON MP

29.03.08

HAZEL BLEARS MP
Secretary of State for
Communities &
Local Government
03.07.08



The Inspirer
His Holiness
Pramukh Swami Maharaj

**TRH THE PRINCE OF WALES and
THE DUCHESS OF CORNWALL**

09.11.07



Over 7,300 school groups
have visited so far



“Beautiful carvings – but my biggest impression is that Hinduism is a religion of peace in a way I had never realised before.”

CLAIRE
Working in the Media Industry
21.09.08

BAPS SWAMINARAYAN SANSTHA (BAPS) is an international community-based spiritual organisation affiliated to the UN, with its headquarters in Ahmedabad, India. Worldwide, it has more than 3,300 centres, 55,000 volunteers, and one million members.

BAPS is guided and inspired by its spiritual leader, His Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj, who is also the creator of BAPS Swaminarayan Akshardham in New Delhi.

BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha

Global Highlights



Disaster Relief Aid
for Hurricane Ike
Texas, AMERICA | 09.08



Charity Walkathons in 33 cities
NORTH AMERICA | 07-08.08



Leadership Training Convention
Engelberg, SWITZERLAND
19-22.09.08



Over 3,800 attend 12
Children's & Youth Summer Camps
NORTH AMERICA | 07-09.08



Make Delhi Hunger-Free
Free midday meals launched
with the Government
New Delhi, INDIA | 16.04.08



Flood Relief Aid
Bihar, INDIA | 09.08



Swaminarayan Jayanti
BAHRAIN | 14.04.08



18,500 celebrate
International Women's Day
INDIA | 08.03.08



Parents' Evening
Johannesburg, SOUTH AFRICA
29.03.08



Aid to 100 families and
400 orphans at Nungwe Leprosy Camp
Dar-es-Salaam, TANZANIA | 22.03.08



2,500 children join
Environmental Awareness Cycle Rally
Surat, INDIA | 25.05.08



Earth Day 2008
Los Angeles, AMERICA | 19.04.08



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Holi: Festival of Colours
Sydney, AUSTRALIA | 22.03.08

