



# NEWSLETTER

## Summer 2018

First of all, Greetings from the newly elected committee members. We hope that you are in the best of your health and enjoying unusually warm British summer weather.

### AGM

As you know we have had our last Annual General Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018 where new committee was duly elected.

Following people were elected to serve the community for the year 2018/2019.

**President:** Vinodbhai Ghadiali

**Vice President:** Shantibhai Thanki

**Hon. Secretary:** Neenaben Amlani

**Assistant secretary:** Nishaben Chauhan

**Hon. Treasurer:** Bhavnaben Shah

**Assistant Treasurer:** Rajnibhai Rajani

### Committee Members

Saileshbhai Tailor, Pratibhaben Gadhia, Lataben Shah, Kirtiben Rughani, Ashokbhai Kotecha, Hemaben Parmar, Madhuben Champaneri, Hansaben Chauhan and Hansaben Parmar.

### GDPR

As you may know that European law of General Data Protection Regulation came into effect from 25 May 2018 and we too had to comply with it. Our GDPR policy has been published on our website. Please visit our website and have a look at it.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Soon after the election committee got busy organising events and other admin work.

### JANMASHTMI

We have organised **Janmashtmi** celebration on **Sunday 2 September 2018 at St. Peter's Community Centre**, Wigston Road, Oadby LE2 5QE between 4.00 – 7.00 pm

There will be Bhajan singing, celebrating Bhagwan Krishna's birth and farali Mahaprasad.

**All are welcome**, especially young families. It's an opportunity to educate our children about our religion and culture.

It is a **FREE** event but please let us know how many members of your family will be attending.



# Oadby and Wigston Hindu Community

## NAVRATRI

This year Hindus will be celebrating **Navratri** from 9<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> October inclusive. We are in the process of organising **Navratri** during this period but we will let you know as soon as we have secured the venue.

## KEEP FIT – KEEP WELL

In order to serve and keep our community healthy we run **Yoga** and **Badminton** classes. **Yoga classes are held on every Monday at Beauchamp College** between 7.30 – 9.00 pm while **Badminton Sessions are held at Gartree High School on Wednesdays, 7.30 – 9.30 pm** in Oadby. More details can be found on our website.

## OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

Last year we had celebrated quite a few festivals, notably we have started celebrating **Janmastami** and **Ram Navmi**. This is the first time Hindu community celebrated these two events in Oadby. There were Bhajans singing, actual birthday celebrations and Maha Prasad (vegetarian Dinner). They were so popular that the committee has decided to continue celebrating every year.

In addition to this, we celebrate **Navratri** every year at Gartree High School. It is the most popular event in Oadby where people come in great numbers and enjoy Raas and Garba with equally great enthusiasm.

As you know three years ago we started celebrating **Holi Festival** in Oadby. Last year was the coldest month, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017, with wind chill effect of –9 degree C, yet we went ahead and celebrated **Holi in Ellis Park**. People who attended were highly appreciative of our efforts. Thanks to the teamwork of our dedicated committee members and volunteers.

Unfortunately due to lack of interest we had to cancel last year's **Diwali** programme.

## REPRESENTING OUR COMMUNITY

We not only celebrate religious or cultural festivals but we also represent our community at various statutory and voluntary bodies, such as Oadby and Wigston Borough Council, Multicultural Group meetings, Oadby and Wigston Community Engagement Forum and Residents forum. We also attend Mayors Civic reception and Holocaust Memorials.

All in all this keeps us very busy.

In the end we wish you **All the Best** and hope to see you at our various programmes. We need your support and cooperation, without it we cannot achieve anything.

**This is your very own organisation. Be active, be part of it.**