



# Newsletter

Namdhari Sangat Birmingham

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Wishing you all a warm welcome to 2010 and we hope you have had a great start to the New Year. Since December, we have been busy carrying out improvements to the Gurdwara building, please read on for further details. Also listed in this issue are weekly timings, classes, future events and other services available to you.

## Building work

In the last issue we informed you about future improvement work to be carried out by the NSB committee, trustees and volunteers to enhance the gurdwara building to help make the it even more user friendly for you.

In the New Year we plan to make more improvements Below is a brief summary of planned works to be conducted in 2010:

1. **Main Hall**  
**Redecorate:** In order to continue the project to clean and paint the main hall, which is being led by Jaswinder Singh, it was decided to skim the walls first to get a nice finish. Thank you to Balvinder Singh Chana and jaatha for completing this in January at the cost of £300.00.

The painting in the main hall will now begin on 6th February and we look forward to seeing the makeover!

If you are interested in helping or would like to donate to the project, please contact Jaswinder or a member of the committee.  
(The committee apologises for any convenience caused if your programme has been postponed.)

**Flooring:** The uneven flooring on the ladies side has now been completed. Thank you to S.Kamaljit Singh Chana and Granthi Sukhwant Singh for completing this job.

2. **Car Park**  
The rest of the car park will be concreted over in due course. Parking signs will be put up and car park lines will also be marked out.
3. **Kitchen Windows**  
This month, work will be carried out to repair and secure the broken kitchen windows in the main langar hall.

## Car Park

### Collections:

Total collected to date:  
**£90,000.00**

Loan outstanding:  
**£210,000.00**

Monthly repayments:  
**£1374.71**

### Donations:

Five members of the community have set up monthly standing orders and the amount donated currently totals to £50.00.

If you would like to set up a standing order or a direct debit, please use the following bank details:

**Bank: Lloyds TSB**  
**Sort code: 30-99-36**  
**Account: 01424115**



## Your Help and Support is always welcomed

Get involved and help with the various ongoing projects at Namdhari Gurdwara Birmingham or make a monetary donation to get the work going. Or if you have any ideas or suggestion on how to improve our building or services available to you, please contact us or attend the next open meeting - read on for dates and times!

## Kavita

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ਉਹ ਗਉ ਗਰੀਬ ਵਾਲੀ ਸਬਦਾ ਭਲਾ ਮਨਾਉਦਾ ਏ  
ਨੀ ਉਹ ਹੋਰ ਕੋਈ ਨਹੀ ਸਖੀਓ ਗੁਰ ਜਗਜੀਤ ਕਹਾਉਂਦਾਏ  
ਦੀਦ ਉਹਦੀ ਅਕਸ਼ ਕਿਸੇ ਮਰਦੇ ਨੂੰ ਢੋਹ ਵਰਗਾ  
ਰੋਸ਼ਨ ਮਥਾ ਉਸਦਾ ਚੜਦੇ ਸੂਰਜ ਲੋ ਵਰਗਾ  
ਤਪ ਤੇਜ ਬੜਾ ਉਸਦਾ ਦਿਲ ਧੂਆਂ ਪਾਉਂਦਾ ਏ  
ਨੀ ਉਹ ਹੋਰ...

ਉਹਦੇ ਵਰਦਾ ਅਖੀਆਂ ਚੋਂ ਹਰਦਮ ਨੂਰ ਜਿਹਾ ਰਹਿੰਦਾ  
ਉਹਦੇ ਦਰਸਨ ਕਰਨੇ ਨੂੰ ਮਨ ਮਗਰੂਰ ਜਿਹਾ ਰਹਿੰਦਾ  
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ਨੀ ਉਹ ਹੋਰ ਕੋਈ ...

ਜੇ ਰਹਮਿਤ ਹੋ ਜਾਏ ਉਸਦੀ ਹੋ ਜੇ ਨਜਰ ਸਵਲੀ  
ਉਸਦੀ ਦਰਸ ਪਿਆਸੀ ਮੈ ਪੀ ਪੀ ਹੋ ਜਾਵਾਂ ਝਲੀ  
ਉਹ ਦਾਤਾ ਮਿਹਰਾਂ ਦਾ ਮਿਹਰ ਦਾ ਮੀਂਹ ਵਰਸਾਉਂਦਾ ਏ  
ਨੀ ਉਹ ਹੋਰ ਕੋਈ ਨਹੀ ...

ਵਿਸਵ ਸ਼ਾਤੀ ਲਈ ਉਹ ਪੈਗਾਮ ਜਿਹਾ ਦਿੰਦਾ  
ਉਹ ਬਿਨਾ ਗੁਜਾਰਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਹੈ ਗੁਜਰਾਨ ਜਿਹਾ ਦਿੰਦਾ  
ਐਸੇ ਸਾਟਗੁਰ ਨੂੰ ਭਿੰਦਰ ਵੀ ਸੀਸ ਝੁਕਾਉਂਦਾ ਏ  
ਨੀ ਉਹ ਹੋਰ ਕੋਈ ਨਾਹੀ ਸਖੀਓ ਗੁਰ ਜਗਜੀਤ ਕਹਾਉਂਦਾ ਏ

## Collections for Haiti



Namdhari Sangat Birmingham youth help raised money for the Haiti Earthquake Appeal on Saturday 30 January 2010. They raised nearly £200. Well done!

If you would like to donate money or help to raise money for the people affected by the earthquake in Haiti, let us know.

We would like to donate any money raised direct to charity helping in Haiti. Please tell us if you know of any.



## Sermon by HH Sri Satguru Jagjit Singh Ji

“How much time in a day do we talk about Sadh Sangat? How much time in a day do we talk about Satsang? And how much time in a day do we devote to jealousy and envy of others? We should calculate how much time from morning until evening we spend doing this. Only then will we come to know.

“When you do agriculture, you calculate the ratio of the quantity of seeds sown and the harvest reaped. You calculate your indebtedness or profits earned. Thus, you come to know at the end of the year, as to what you are doing.

“In the same manner, you should also calculate if have you recited Japji Sahib and how much Nam Simran you have done from morning until evening or not. You should calculate this too.”

## Let's get active together



### Badminton

A badminton tournament is due to be held at national level in March 2010. If you would like to take part, contact Jaspal Singh Chana or Harpreet Kaur Narotra for more details.

### Football

We have plans to start weekly football training sessions with the aim of putting together a Namdhari Birmingham Youth Team by the summer. If you are interested or would like your children to take part, please email [sports@namdhari.co.uk](mailto:sports@namdhari.co.uk) or text 07775888896 or contact Kuldeep Ubhi directly.



### Yoga

There has been a keen interest in yoga classes and we are working on holding regular classes for you.



If you would like further information about our sports activities please email [sports@namdhari.co.uk](mailto:sports@namdhari.co.uk).

## SACRED CEREMONY BEING PERFORMED AT SRI BHAINI SAHIB

Everyone is invited to attend the seventh sacred ceremony in Sri Bhaini Sahib, where the continuous recitation of 1.25 lakh Chandi Di Vaar paths and hawans will be performed. This mela was started in 1937 by Sri Satguru Partap Singh Ji. This is a great opportunity not to be missed.



Here are details of the previous six sacred ceremonies:

In the divine presence of his holiness Sri Satguru Partap Singh Ji:      In the divine presence of his holiness Sri Satguru Jagjit Singh Ji:

Year	Place	Year	Place
1937	Sri Bhaini Sahib	1965	Sri Bhaini Sahib
1957	Sri Bhaini Sahib	1971	Mastan Garh
		1982	Sri Bhaini Sahib
		1999	Sri Bhaini Sahib



**Note: Mata Ji has requested that those who wish to contribute towards the desi ghee for these hawans can make donations direct to the Gurdwara committee who will be forward all the collected funds this month.**

Further details in Satjug. If you don't receive the Satjug weekly newspaper from HQ, please email your details to [sikhword@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sikhword@yahoo.co.uk) to subscribe.

### Photo Gallery

We would like to congratulate Granthi Mohinder Singh who with Satguru Ji's blessings, is now able to give naam (gurmantar).



### Basant Panchmi Celebrations in Eastham

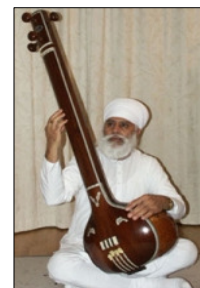
Birmingham's sangat arriving for the mela.



### Sangeet for women

ਇਹ ਤਾਂ ਸਰਵਵਿਦਿਤ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਸਤਿਗੁਰੂ ਜਗਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਨੇ ਸ਼ਾਸਤਰੀ ਸੰਗੀਤ ਤੇ ਗੁਰਬਾਣੀ ਕੀਰਤਨ ਦਾ ਕਿਤਨਾ ਪ੍ਰਚਾਰ ਪ੍ਰਸਾਰ ਕੀਤਾ ਹੈ ॥ ਤੰਤੀ ਸਾਜ਼ਾ ਨਾਲ ਕੀਰਤਨ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਪਰੰਪਰਾ ਨੂੰ ਫਿਰ ਤੋਂ ਸੁਰਜੀਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਤੇ ਗੁਰਬਾਣੀ ਨੂੰ ਸੁਧਤਾ ਨਾਲ ਉਚਾਰ ਕੇ ਗਾਇਣ ਵਲ ਉਚੇਚਾ ਜ਼ੋਰ ਦਿਤਾ ਹੈ ਪਰ ਜੋ ਇਕ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ ਕ੍ਰਿਪਾ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਉਹ ਹੈ ਬੀਬੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਕੀਰਤਨ ਸਿਖਣ ਲਈ ਪ੍ਰੇਰਨਾ ॥ ਅਜ ਤੋਂ ਕੁਛ ਸਮਾਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਸਾਡੇ ਦੀਵਾਨਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਬੀਬੀਆਂ ਕੀਰਤਨ ਨਹੀਂ ਸਨ ਕਰਦੀਆਂ ਪਰ ਹੁਣ ਆਸਾ ਦੀ ਵਾਰ ਤੋਂ ਲੈਕੇ ਆਮ ਕੀਰਤਨ ਲਈ ਸਾਡੀਆਂ ਬੀਬੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਕਈ ਜਥੇ

ਹਨ ਤੇ ਉਹ ਵੀ ਪੁਰਾਤਨ ਰੀਤਾਂ ਤੰਤੀ ਸਾਜ਼ਾ ਨਾਲ ਗਾਇਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲੇ ਜਥੇ ॥ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਸਤਿਗੁਰੂ ਜੀ ਕਈ ਵਾਰ ਬਚਨ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੁੰਦੇ ਹਨ ਕਿ ਸਾਡੀਆਂ ਬੱਚੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਵੱਡੇ ਹੋਕੇ ਗ੍ਰਿਹਸਤ ਮਾਰਗ ਅਪਨਾ ਕੇ ਬਾਲ ਬੱਚੇਦਾਰ ਤੇ ਬਣਨਾ ਹੀ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਜੇ ਇਹ ਸੰਗੀਤ ਕੀਰਤਨ ਦੀਆਂ ਜਾਣਕਾਰ ਹੋਣਗੀਆਂ ਤਾਂ ਅਪਨੇ ਬੱਚਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਪਾਸੇ ਵਲ ਆਰਾਮ ਨਾਲ ਤੋਰ ਸਕਣਗੀਆਂ ਤੇ ਇਸ ਨਾਲ ਸੁਤੇ ਸਿਧ ਹੀ ਸਾਡੀ ਇਹ ਪ੍ਰੰਪਰਾ ਅਗੇ ਤੋਂ ਅਗੇ ਚਲਦੀ ਰਹੇਗੀ ॥



Article by Ustad Harbhajan Singh

### Did you know ?

**Q** When was the police-post at Sri Bhaini Sahib terminated?

**A** The police post at Sri Bhaini Sahib was terminated by the then DC of Ludhiana, MR.P.C. Hilton on the 2nd of Maghreb Vikrami Samvat 1923 after 51 years 3 months and 23 days of its existence.

## Dates for your diary

**Friday 12 February 2010**  
**Sangrandh (Fagun)**

**Sunday 28 February 2010**  
**Parkash Diwas Sri Satguru Balak Singh Ji, Purnamashi, Hola**

6.00am - 8.00am Asa Di Waar & Havan  
8.00am - 8.30am Paath Da Bhog  
9.00am - 9.30am Mela Celebrations  
10.00am Ardas  
**Hola (28th-Feb - 3rd Mar in SBS)**

**Wednesday 3 March 2010**  
**Parkash Diwas Sri Satguru Partap Singh Ji**  
7.30pm - 8.30pm Naam Simran and Diwan

**Sunday 7 March 2010**  
**UK Hola Mohala (Southall)**  
6.00am - 8.00am Naam Simran & Asa Di Waar  
10.00am - 2.00pm Main Mela

*To book your coach seat, please contact a committee member as soon as possible. Seats will be allocated on a first come first served basis.*

*For programme bookings please contact a committee member or call 07967 107 397.*

Weekly programmes	<b>Daily</b> 2.00am - 4.00am <b>Naam Simran</b>	<b>Saturday</b> 6.00pm - 7.00pm <b>Naam Simran</b>	<b>Sunday</b> 6.00am - 8.00am <b>Naam Simran &amp; Asa Di Waar</b>
		7.00pm - 8.00pm <b>Diwan</b>	
		8.00pm - 8.30pm <b>Paath Da Bhog</b>	

## OPEN MEETINGS

The next open meeting will be held from **8.00am** at the Gurdwara on Sunday:

- **31 January 2010**
- **28 February 2010**

Everyone is welcome to attend to give us your ideas and thoughts on improving our centre and services.

## Weekly classes

Thursday

**Music classes: vocal & tabla**  
7.30pm - 9.00pm

Saturday

**Punjabi classes**  
7.30pm - 9.00pm

Sunday

**Music classes: dilruba & tabla**  
7.30am - 9.00am  
For more information visit  
[www.santkhalsasangeet.com](http://www.santkhalsasangeet.com)

**Self defence classes**

9.30am - 12.00pm

## Announcements

### Births

#### Satguru Ji has blessed:

- ◆ Gurmakh Singh & Sarbjit Kaur Raja with a baby boy named Jai Singh.
- ◆ Gurdial Singh & Harkirat Kaur Flora with a baby girl named Gian Kaur.
- ◆ Ranbir Singh & Manpreet Kaur Chana with a baby boy named Rattan Singh.



**Congratulations to all families on behalf of Namdhari Sangat Birmingham.**

### Condolences

It is with deep regret we inform you that we have lost the following members from our Sadh Sangat:

- ◆ Mata Satwant Kaur Nota (*long standing member of NSB*)
- ◆ S.Kamaljit Singh Chana (*member of the East London Sangat and world renowned Namdhari Ragi*)
- ◆ Harbhajan Singh Chana (*Slough*)
- ◆ Rattan Singh Ryatt (*Southall*)

Our sincere thoughts and condolences go to all families.

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