

Bhaktivedanta Manor
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Krishna Eco Farm opens in Scotland

Devotees celebrated the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Lesmahagow temple and simultaneously unveiled the new Krishna Eco Farm on the site. Guest of honour Michael McCann MP officially opened the new Hall. Various sustainable technologies are utilised at the farm, including solar thermal panels, heat pumps, wind turbines and biomass generators. The site also includes a walled garden where the devotees grow vegetables and fruits, as well as greenhouses for cultivating flowers, and a play garden for children.



Future plans for Bhaktivedanta Manor

Hertsmere Borough Council has launched a series of local consultations alongside the release of a Planning Brief focused on development at Bhaktivedanta Manor.

“Bhaktivedanta Manor is an important site for ISKCON and the borough of Hertsmere with huge cultural, religious and historical significance” said Councillor Harvey Cohen, portfolio holder for planning at the Council. “This Planning Brief aims to forge a path forward that will meet the needs of ISKCON, residents of Letchmore Heath and the wider community of Hertsmere, and ensure that all future development on the estate is sustainable and suitable.”

The Planning Brief sets out a number of options for introducing a Haveli community building on the site.

Diwali at the Palace

Watford’s Palace Theatre welcomed over 550 guests through its doors for a joyous Diwali celebration. The evening included a sell-out performance of the Epic Ramayan, performed by the Bhaktivedanta Players, followed by a feast.

Special guests included the MP for Watford Mr Richard Harrington, the Mayor of Watford Cllr Dorothy Thornhill, local counsellors and Manor President Srutidharma das.

The event’s success was due to strong collaboration between the local community, schools, firms, theatre staff and the Manor. It was by far the largest of all the cultural celebrations taken on by the ambitious Palace with its imaginatively diverse range of activities.



Queen visits Krishna Avanti School

The Krishna Avanti School was delighted to receive their Royal Highnesses the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh for an historic Royal visit.

The Queen and Prince Philip enjoyed their Diamond Jubilee tour of Krishna Avanti School as the central feature of their visit to Harrow.

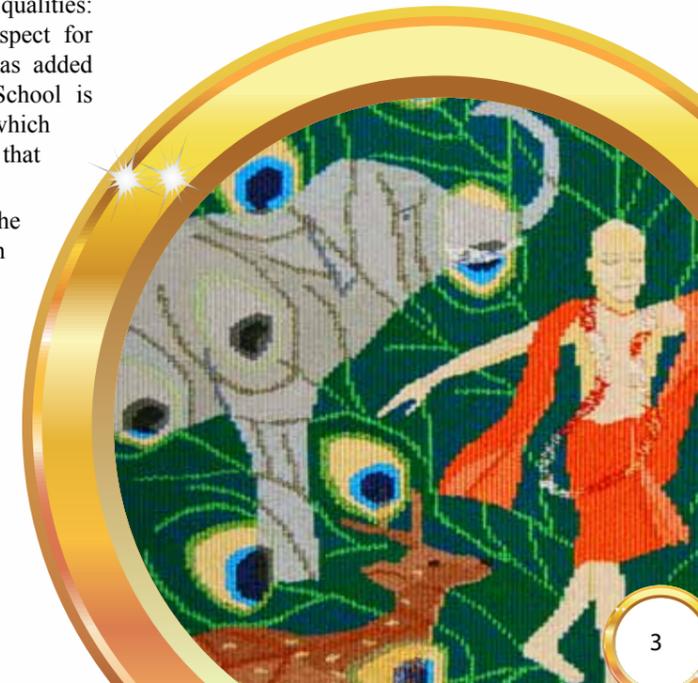
The Queen was escorted throughout the school by Nitesh Gor, one of the Directors of the Avanti Schools Trust, through spectacular song and dance displays by local children and adults. Children representing every school in the borough were invited to take part in the day’s events.

Inside the temple, before the deities of Krishna-Balaram, school children sang Sri Krishna Chaitanya, a Vaishnava song written by Narottam Das Thakur, followed by the Hare Krishna mantra. The Queen particularly expressed appreciation for the devotional music. Then Her Majesty unveiled a beautiful tapestry which depicted Chaitanya Mahaprabhu dancing in the Jharikhanda forest with the animals, a gift from the School to Buckingham Palace.

Srutidharma das explained to the Queen that Chaitanya Mahaprabhu taught a philosophy that is “beyond all material designations and differences, and that through singing and dancing we can surrender our hearts to God”.

The children recited a verse from the Sikshastaka, Srutidharma das explained that “in order to have peace and prosperity in society we need to imbibe three qualities: humility, tolerance and respect for all others”. Srutidharma das added that the Krishna Avanti School is based on these values, to which the Queen responded “Isn’t that wonderful!”

Anil Agarwal, Chair of the Anil Agarwal Foundation and main sponsor of the Krishna Avanti School, then said to the Queen, “These schools are wonderful because they are non-sectarian, open to all children of all faiths. We want to open many more schools like this.”



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Radhanath Swami at The House of Commons



The final leg of a UK tour saw His Holiness Radhanath Swami addressing MPs in the House of Commons on the topic of spirituality in society.

He was hosted by James Clappison MP, Richard Harrington MP and Mathew Offord MP, who spoke of the greater relevance of Bhaktivedanta Manor to not only Watford and Hertsmere but the Greater London community.

In his closing remarks, Mathew Offord MP said: "We hear many speeches here and I have to say I genuinely believe that was one of the best we have heard and something that was very inspiring for us all."

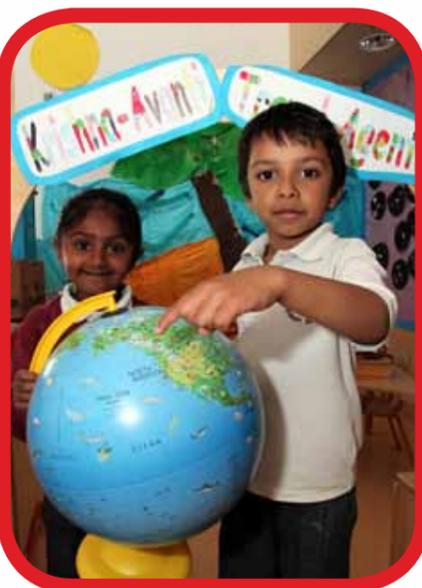
Radhanath Swami's UK tour accompanied his acclaimed autobiography "The Journey Home" and brought speaking engagements at School of Oriental and African Studies, HSBC Bank headquarters in Canary Wharf and the Watkins Bookstore in London.

Next on the touring schedule was Cambridge University where Radhanatha Swami spoke about the need for a spiritual re-awakening in the world.

Avanti House School opens

Avanti House is a new free state school for pupils aged 4 to 18. It is another project of the I-Foundation and will be the UK's first ever Hindu state funded secondary school. The School will be based in Harrow but be open to students from any borough. There will be a dual specialism in Mathematics and Performing Arts. The School will start with two Reception classes and going up to six Year 7 classes.

For more information, visit: www.avantihouse.org



Reincarnation on the BBC

Nila Madhava das, in his capacity as Bhaktivedanta Manor's Funeral Priest, was a major feature on a BBC1 documentary "Reincarnation - You only live twice?"

Explaining reincarnation as taught in the Bhagavad-gita, Nila explained that there is actually no death because our true identity is the soul, which is eternal. He then quoted the verse 2.20: "For the soul there is neither birth nor death at any time...He is unborn, eternal, ever-existing and primeval. He is not slain when the body is slain."



ISKCON Leicester acquires historic building

The HSBC building on Granby Street, a Grade II listed building built in 1875 by the famous architect Goddard is to become a new cultural and visitor's centre.

Devotees in Leicester lost their original place of worship when the temple suffered a gas explosion. All of the 50 devotees within the building managed to escape the multiple blasts uninjured. This was referred to as a 'miracle' by fire fighters.

After over a year of worship and community gatherings in rented spaces, acquiring the keys to the old HSBC Bank is a dream come true.

The devotees plan to restore the building to its former glory and bring it into use as a place of worship with a range of community activities, such as a restaurant, yoga and meditation studio.



New Gokul recognised for "Design Excellence"



New Gokul farm has been recognised for its innovative and sustainable design at the biennial Hertfordshire Building Futures Awards.

Sustainable design features include translucent roof sheeting for natural light, Yorkshire boarding for ventilation and a rain water harvesting system. The building received a commendation in the Design Excellence category at the award ceremony, which recognises new buildings that have a limited impact on the environment.

Malcolm Pawley, principal at Malcolm Pawley Architects Ltd, which designed the ethical farm, said: "We are delighted. We hope that this design will inspire other farms in the area to think of ways which they can become more sustainable and ethical in their everyday work."

Jeremy Caulton, Hertfordshire Building Futures Awards judge, said "The choice and use of materials in the construction of the complex ensures that it is bright and airy - perfect conditions for both the farm's visitors and animal husbandry."

The roofs of the cow and hay barns at the Manor's New Gokul farm have recently been fitted with solar panels, which are able to generate 50 kilowatts of power.



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A Royal Engagement

Sutapa das had the opportunity to meet Her Majesty The Queen and the Archbishop of Canterbury at a multi-faith reception at Lambeth Palace. This was one of the first public engagements of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations. Her Royal Highness paid tribute to the spiritual contribution of all religions in the UK and showed continued support for the free practice of faith in this country.

The Queen stated that spiritual traditions provide critical guidance for the way we live our lives, and for the way in which we treat each other. Sutapa das spoke to the leaders of various denominations; discussions revolved around making spirituality applicable and dynamic in the modern world.



Helping devotees in Hungary

The Hungarian government recently announced sweeping changes to legislation of religious organizations. Those already registered as 'State churches' were required to reapply under more 'stringent conditions' and this brought about serious concerns for ISKCON devotees there.

Indian diplomats, scholars of Hinduism and international Hindu organizations expressed their concerns to the Hungarian Government.

The UK's valuable contribution included delegations that included Srutidharma das, Gauri das, Pranabandhu das and Shailesh Vara MP. They met

Mr Gergely Pröhle, Deputy State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary, His Excellency Janos Csak the Hungarian Ambassador and Ms Eszter Pataki, Counsellor Press and Culture. The delegation explained ISKCON's deep cultural heritage, and were well received.

When the Hungarian Parliament voted on the new law, 32 organisations met the requirements for receiving church status. We are delighted to announce that Hungarian Society for Krishna Consciousness was among those recognised.



Diwali and Downing Street

During a Diwali function at 10 Downing Street, Vinay Tanna presented the Prime Minister David Cameron with a copy of The Ramayana written by Ranchor Prime. Vinay, who is Head of Bhaktivedanta Manor Communications, explained the significance of Diwali and its connection with the story of the Ramayan. The Prime Minister had heard of the Ramayan and expressed that he was now very pleased to have a copy.

This was not the first time, however, that the Prime Minister had received a gift from the Manor. Last year, the temple president Srutidharma das presented him a copy of Srila Prabhupada's Bhagavad-gita As It Is.



"It was great to be able to attend the Diwali festival. It gave me the opportunity to pass on best wishes for a happy Diwali to my constituents. I have been a regular visitor to the Manor for some years. I always receive a warm welcome and the chance to learn more about the Krishna faith and its importance for many people."

Theresa Villiers MP, Minister for Transport



Sharing Diwali with others

During the Hindu Forum of Britain's Diwali function at the House of Commons, Citi-Shakti dasi was pleased to meet the Leader of the Labour Party Ed Miliband MP.

Diwali in London (DIL) celebrated its 10th year in Trafalgar Square in partnership with the Mayor of London. Manor Patron Council member Mr Sanjay Gadhvi, helped to organise the huge event.

Global Professional Services firm, Ernst & Young LLP hosted a Diwali celebration at its Becket House office in Waterloo. Over 100 staff and clients enjoyed the festivities.



Bhaktivedanta Manor breaks its own Book Marathon record

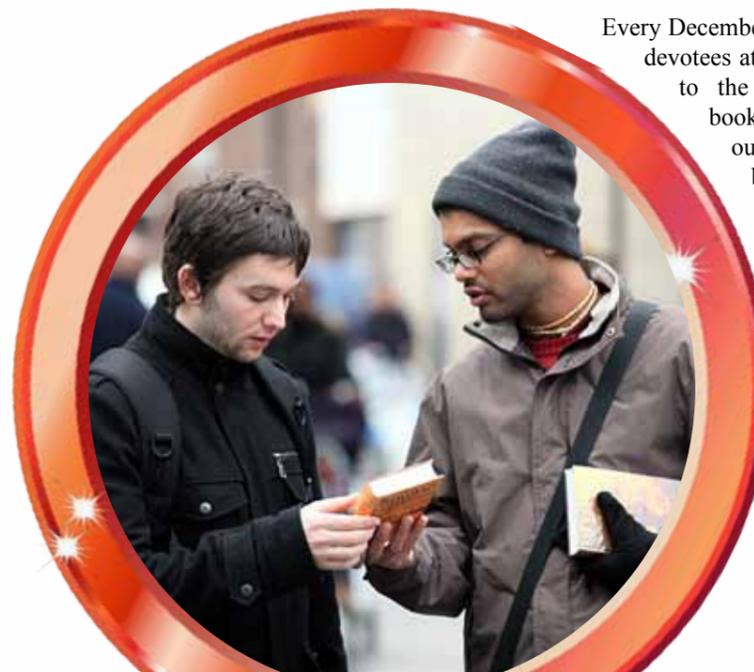
Every December, for the last 37 years, devotees at the Manor have taken to the streets to distribute books, each trying to give out the most. This has become known as 'The Book Marathon.' Last December was, by all accounts, "Completely amazing!"

Organiser of the effort, Sutapa das, reported: "This year was the biggest result for many years. All

our members made special endeavour to distribute Srila Prabhupada's books to the general public, and many others made extra sacrifices to facilitate them."

"We had a target of 25,000 books to be distributed... we ended up distributing 35,843! We confidently expected 251 distributors to participate in the marathon... we ended up with 273! Among the books, 11,500 were Bhagavad-gitas, while Bhaktivedanta Manor's Ananda Caitanya das distributed an amazing 2,715 books by himself!

"By all of the wonderful efforts of everyone involved, it was the most successful 'Book Marathon' since 1998."



In The Locality



A Living Fence for Wildlife

Bhaktivedanta Manor's access road was planned as part of a scheme that would plant a double hedge row and plant trees every 15 metres. The bank that the hedge sits on was the soil that was moved to make way for the road.

As the hedge is now established it is being laid in a traditional fashion. In England there are many different styles of hedge laying and HRH Prince Charles is President of the National Hedge Laying Society.

There is a style unique to Hertfordshire and the Manor has assigned the local hedge-laying champion Donato Cinicolo to the task.

Stakes are placed along the hedge line with supple branches twisted along the top to form a neat finish as well as a structure to keep the hedge in place. A basket weave effect is produced which makes the hedge strong and thick, making it ideal to attract wildlife: in essence it is a form of living fence.



Welcoming the New Chief Inspector

Dean Patient, the new Chief Inspector for Hertsmere, was warmly welcomed to the Manor. "Thank you all so much for making me feel so welcome when I visited," said the Inspector. "I really appreciated meeting everyone and it was a thoroughly enjoyable and informative visit. The lovely food you gave me was rapidly consumed by both officers that were around at the time and also my family, and I'm keeping the Bhagavad Gita in my office library".

In another visit from the police to the Manor Hertfordshire Constabulary sent its newest trainee officers as part of their education in cultural awareness.

"We had a great day all round at Bhaktivedanta Manor", explained Training Officer Lee Emmerson, "I look forward to the next time, when I hope we can stay longer."



Near Neighbours

Atmanivedana Swami and Srutidharma das joined Dr Rowan Williams the Archbishop of Canterbury and Rt Hon Eric Pickles Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, with local dignitaries at the Shri Sanatan Mandir in Leytonstone. The event was to observe the launch of the government funded Near Neighbours scheme which encourages faiths to work together on a variety of projects.

Diamond Jubilee Service at St Albans

Srutidharma das and Radha Mohan das represented Bhaktivedanta Manor at the Service of Thanksgiving for the County of Hertfordshire to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of the Queen. Faith leaders and representatives from across the county took part in a procession down the aisles of St Albans Cathedral, where the event took place. Dignitaries included the Countess of Verulam and the High Sheriff of Hertfordshire.

Meditation for Peace

A team of Hertfordshire's Probation Officers came to learn about the Manor Farm and to experience how Vaishnava-style music and meditation can bring peace of mind.



Helping villagers at the Diamond Jubilee Weekend

Bhaktivedanta Manor was happy to help out in the Diamond Jubilee Celebration extended weekend festivals in Radlett and Patchetts Green by supplying chairs and gazebos. A welcome contribution indeed, especially given that the weather was pretty wet!



Aldenhām Fayre

Rev Robert Fletcher, vicar of St John the Baptist Church in Aldenhām, invited local community of Aldenhām to participate in the annual Aldenhām Fayre.

Bhaktivedanta Manor's brightly decorated bullock cart was a popular feature of the event and offered rides for visitors. Children from the Manor school took part and provided gopi dots and face painting, and offered visitors the chance to try on a saree!



Giving Back



Feeding of the 5000



"It was an event of Biblical proportions," explained Food for All Director Parasuram das. "We had 2 hours to distribute 5,000 plates of vegetarian food at Trafalgar Square. It seemed impossible but about 40 volunteers turned up to help serve and the day before we had 30 at the Manor to chop vegetables. We cooked rice and subji and everybody loved their free lunch!"

The event worked in conjunction with charities including Friends of the Earth, Fairshare and Foodcycle. ISKCON Food For All won the Novelis recycling award for the year 2008 / 2009.

The Bishop of London Revd Richard Chartres and the Mayor of London Mr Boris Johnson were among the celebrities who helped distribute prasad. "It is wonderful to see so many young people putting their beliefs into practice and working together as a community," said the Bishop of London.

National Seva Day

As part of this year's annual Seva Day, volunteers from the Manor community picked litter and removed fly-tipping from Composers Park in Elstree.

Meanwhile, 150 volunteers of all ages helped in the harvesting of over 6 tonnes of potatoes from one of Bhaktivedanta Manor's fields designated for horticulture. Another Seva Day contribution included a team of devotees who work for Ernst and Young, Network Rail and Barclays Capital, who cooked vegetarian meals for the homeless in Watford's YMCA.

"On Seva Day, thousands of good-hearted people across the world come together to perform voluntary Seva (service) to the community and experience the joy of giving in its truest sense," explained Seva Day Chairman Anup Ganguly during their conference held at the Manor. "This year people from 70 countries took part in Seva Day."

Local Communities Unite for Mitzvah Day

A team of devotees from Bhaktivedanta Manor joined members of the Jewish and Christian communities and Aldenham Parish Council to continue the clearance of Rose Field in Radlett for the creation of a picnic area for locals. They also planted trees to create a tree nursery. This project is for the benefit of the entire community.

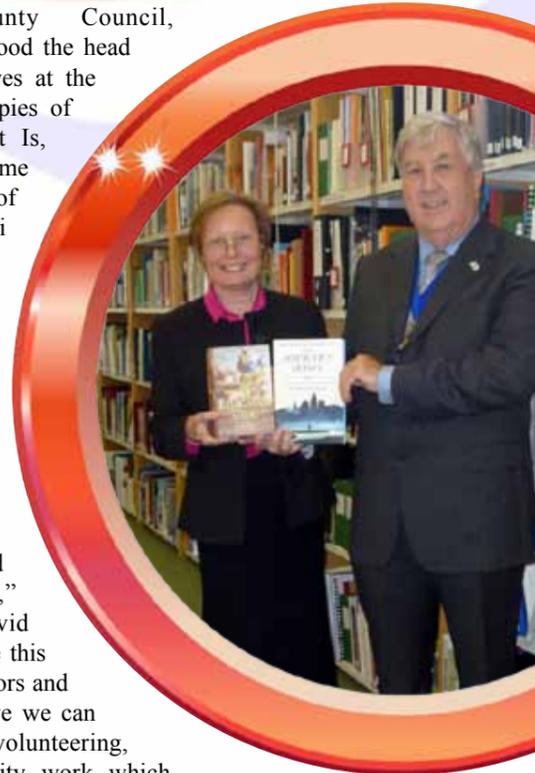
Mitzvah Day is a Jewish led social initiative. On Mitzvah Day people take part in hands-on projects, without fundraising, to support charities and to build stronger communities.



County Councillor commends Manor's Community Service

Cllr David Hewitt, Vice Chairman of Hertfordshire County Council, presented Mrs Sue Flood the head of the Library Archives at the County Hall, with copies of Bhagavad Gita As It Is, and The Journey Home - An Autobiography of an American Swami by His Holiness Radhanath Swami.

"After reading The Journey Home I have come to have a much better understanding of the contribution and work which the Temple is doing for the people in Hertfordshire and surrounding areas," explained Cllr David Hewitt, "I do promote this to my fellow Councillors and our friends and believe we can all learn from the volunteering, service and community work which Temple followers do."



Unity in Diversity

Launch of Hindu Christian Forum



The Archbishop of Canterbury Dr Rowan Williams and Srutidharma das launched the Hindu Christian Forum at Lambeth Palace, an event which also featured addresses from Andrew Stunell MP, Baroness Richardson and Lord Popat. "The conversation of interfaith dialogue is always one where we look eagerly and expectantly for enrichment," said the Archbishop. "We're not playing for victory, we're seeking understanding from one another... by learning the depth of

one another's commitment and vision - dialogue and depth is what we all hope for." After praising the Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies for its research on both faiths and the important role of education, Srutidharma das urged members of both faiths to celebrate their differences but also focus on the similarities. "The ultimate essence is to truly love and serve the Almighty," he added.

Remembrance Sunday

Bhaktivedanta Manor sent representatives to lay wreaths and recite prayers at three separate locations: the War Memorials in Letchmore Heath village, Radlett and the Borough of Harrow. President of Bhaktivedanta Manor Srutidharma das, in his capacity as the Chaplain to the Mayor of Harrow, recited opening prayers before an august assembly including Gareth Thomas MP, Bob Blackman MP, local councillors, dignitaries, military servicemen and women, and 500 members of the general public of the borough.



Local Schools join National Interfaith Week

Children from the Manor School joined local Jewish and Christian schools in Allum Hall, Borehamwood for a cross-cultural event as part of National Interfaith Week. The evening included music, dance and drama from all the children, depicting cultural aspects of their faiths. There was also the sharing of vegetarian food and displays.

The Manor School children, with help from School staff, distributed homemade food and painted henna decorations. Their stage debut included a play explaining that 'our true identity is the soul not the body', which was compared to a piece of outer clothing.

The school also visited St. John the Baptist Church in the Parish of Aldenham, where they heard from Reverend Robert Fletcher about Christianity. The children were truly amazed at the beauty of the different stained glass windows, woodwork and very grand pulpit.

The children next ventured to the Sikh Gurudwara in Watford, where they observed the priest reading from the Sikh scripture, the Guru Granth Sahib, watched a video and participated in a question and answer session.

Their final visit was to the Bushey United Synagogue where Rabbi Salasnick engaged the children in a discussion about the similarities and differences between Judaism and Vaisnavism. They had a wonderful opportunity to see a holy scroll uncovered and to also learn of the history of some of the scrolls.



Remembering the victims of persecution



Nila Madhava das and Radha Mohan das represented Bhaktivedanta Manor at Hertsmere Council's Holocaust Memorial Service. The event, presided over by Cllr Peter Knell the Mayor of Hertsmere was attended by local Councillors, local school children and community and faith representatives. It included prayers, the lighting of candles, a film and a touching performance by the Community Choir. Nila Madhava das read a prayer along with other faith leaders.

Nurturing the next generation



Avanti Court School to open in Ilford



Plans to open a new Hindu School in Ilford progressed this year. The local Council has now purchased a site in Barkingside from its former owners the United Synagogue Trust, paving the way to create a new school on the existing site. The site was formerly a Jewish Primary School that will be transferred to King Solomon High School site.

The four-form entry school will be run by the I-Foundation who won the new school competition last May. They will now start preparing to open the new primary school in September this year which will provide 840 places when full.

Avanti Court Primary School will allocate 75 per cent of its places to any local pupils, regardless of their religious beliefs.

Chair of Governors, said, "We are very happy to be taking this definitive step in offering this service to the community of Redbridge. We are keen for the school to be a place where children of all backgrounds, regardless of faith, can come and receive a world class education."



Uncommon sense

The Rock UK Activity Centre was the setting for the second 'Uncommonsense' retreat. Uncommonsense is a recently established event, occurring every Sunday for boys (and now separately for girls) at the Manor. The sessions provide practical life lessons from the Bhagavad Gita and are taught by residents at the Manor.

After the success of the first retreat to Kent, a second took place in South Wales. The weekend began early with mantra meditation and an inspiring seminar. Then it was outdoors, to trek up the second highest mountain in Wales. Back in Cardiff the team created a video, interviewing tourists and local people.

The retreat ended with dinner at Atma Café, dramas, kirtan, seminars, an award ceremony and fireworks!

ISKCON Pandava Sena

ISKCON Pandava Sena (IPS) is an active youth group for those aged from fifteen to twenty-five. Members get involved in exciting projects, learn new skills, develop loving friendships, deeply introspect and simultaneously make spiritual progress. IPS gives an opportunity for members to make the most of their youthful energy, and taste the joy of Krishna consciousness. With an abundance of creative skills and technical ability, IPS members effectively present Krishna consciousness through dynamic multimedia presentations, interactive discussions, plays and movie productions.



Will you be a winner?

Over a hundred students attended the "2012: Will you be a winner?" University Retreat at the Manor. At the Olympic-themed retreat, students from across England experienced 'Power Yoga', a multimedia presentation on the theme of the Bhagavad Gita and a hands-on session of milking the cows. 'Veggie Steady Cook' had all the students competitively flipping pancakes and creating their own unique fillings!

An energy fuelled workshop called 'Mind Games' followed, which included a challenging team-based activity on the front lawn. The final Mantra session had everyone on their feet and was voted the best activity by over 95% of the students!

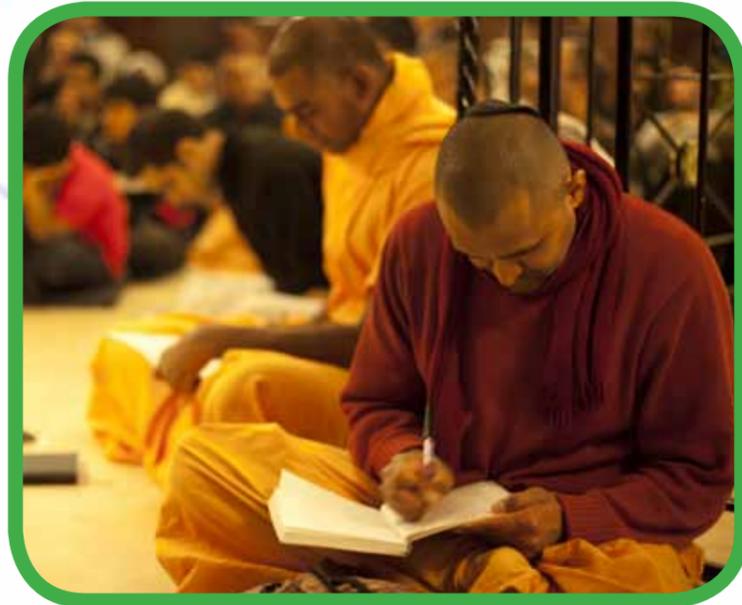
Get Involved: www.krishnasoc.com

Sunday school

Krishna Club has been running at Bhaktivedanta Manor every Sunday since 1994, and recently has expanded to East London and Harrow. It provides a balanced system of Krishna conscious education for children between the ages of six and fifteen in a fun and informative way.



Spiritual Care & Education



Residential courses

The Introductory Course offers a fantastic opportunity for new or experienced practitioners to spend three fun-filled and action-packed months living and studying devotional culture and philosophy in the temple.

Upon completion some students join the 'Sabbatical Programme', spending time in India exploring the country's rich spiritual heritage. Participants have the opportunity to develop a deep understanding of the philosophy of bhakti-yoga.



Short Courses

The College of Vedic Studies offers a range of courses and practical workshops, all based on the ancient teachings of the Vedas.



Mentorship - A Network of Friends

"Anyone who is committed to daily spiritual practice will occasionally need some friendly support and encouragement," explains Sri Radhika dasi, chair of the Mentorship Committee. "We all need help and guidance sometimes, so over the past few months we've been working on giving new life to an old idea – and that's become the Mentorship System."

The Manor Mentorship System is a network of experienced devotees who pledge to offer their support to other members who have more recently committed to spiritual life. "The mentors will mainly be friends to those they help," said Sri Radhika dasi, "but they will offer useful information, tips on spiritual practice, and guidance whenever asked."

Devotees can choose their personal mentor, but each mentor will have a limit of ten members. The system will create opportunities for one-to-one discussions and there are monthly meetings of all those in a mentor group. The mentorship system is currently available only to devotees who are already committed to a daily practise of chanting four rounds or more on japa beads. For more information write to: mentorship@krishnatemple.com

Fun, educational days out for school children

ISKCON Educational Services (IES) comprises a team of devotees which gives presentations to visiting schools about Hinduism. IES is also invited to different schools to deliver presentations. Every year, over 20,000 children from 150 schools enjoy a fun and informative day at the temple, viewing the main shrine, experiencing an eco-tour by bullock-cart, taking tasty and healthy vegetarian lunch and viewing a dance or theatrical performance.



Retreat

Spiritual breaks are regularly organised to allow everyone to get away from the hustle and bustle of daily life.



Scriptural study

Key texts including Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam can be studied during regular classes or by enrolling on an accredited course.



A Hub of Spirituality



A Sanctuary

Many local groups take advantage of the beautiful atmosphere that the Manor offers. The pleasant grounds and vibrant spiritual activities make for an interesting experience.

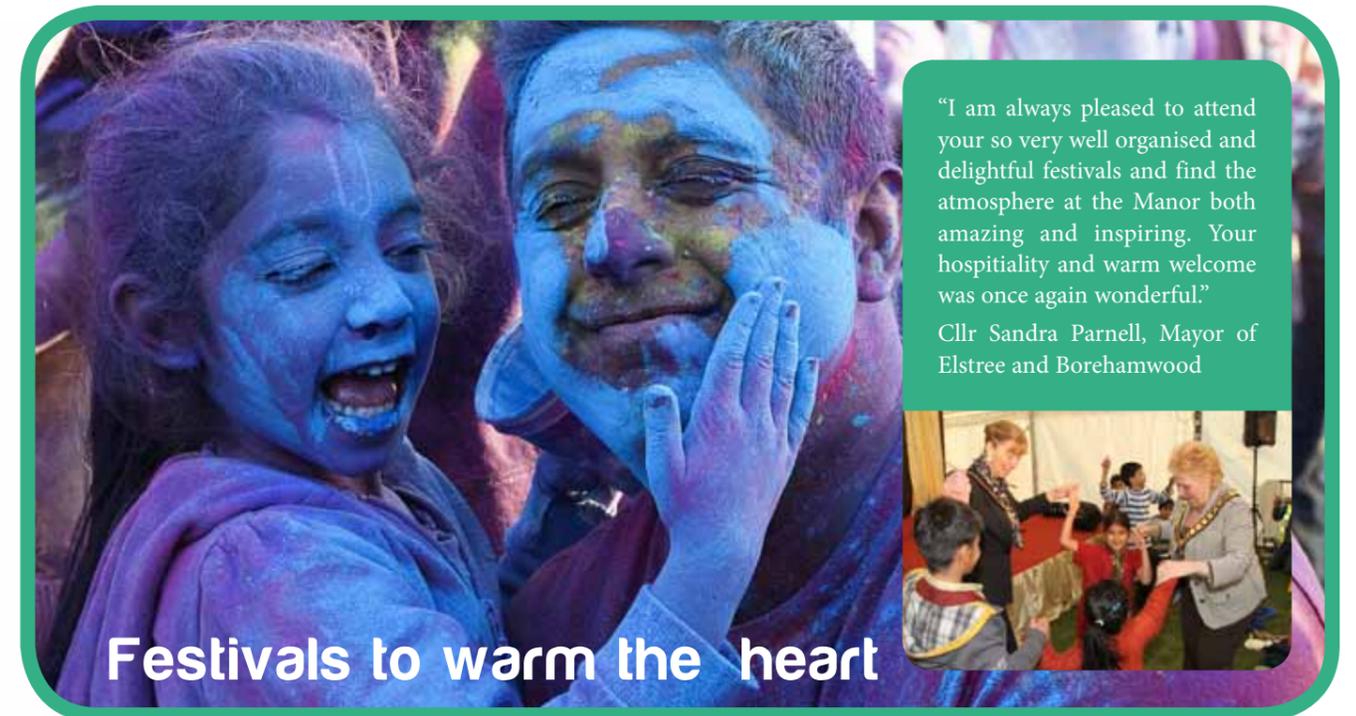


Sri Sri Radha Gokulananda

The Deities are the heart of Bhaktivedanta Manor's thriving community. All the wonderful temple activities are a loving offering to Them. Pilgrims travel from far and wide every day to greet Their beautiful Lordships: Sri Sri Radha-Gokulananda, Sri Sri Sita-Ram-Lakshman-Hanuman and Sri Sri Gaura-Nitai.

Wholesome living in troubled times

Ever since the temple started in 1973, the community has cared for a herd of cows. The cows are hand-milked twice a day and bulls are engaged in farming activities, using specially adapted machinery. They plough the land, make hay, provide transportation and cut the grass. The Bhaktivedanta Manor community endeavours to live in harmony with nature, trying to grow as much of its own produce as possible. A simple lifestyle, living off the land, is considered to be conducive for good health and spiritual life.



Festivals to warm the heart

"I am always pleased to attend your so very well organised and delightful festivals and find the atmosphere at the Manor both amazing and inspiring. Your hospitality and warm welcome was once again wonderful."

CLlr Sandra Parnell, Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood



Every few weeks, Bhaktivedanta Manor hosts joyful celebrations on a variety of special calendar days. Whether dedicated to Lord Krishna, one of His incarnations, or a great saint, these colourful occasions give everyone a chance to come together, sing, dance, tell stories and witness beautiful theatrical performances.

The festival atmosphere evokes enthusiasm and devotion that inspires young and old in their spiritual practice. Once a year the grand Rathayatra chariot procession takes to the streets of London and major towns - through rain or sunshine.

Please come to our next festival!





Bhaktivedanta Manor your temple at your service

Bhaktivedanta Manor functions 365 days a year. A dedicated team of devotees make it their mission to serve the entire community - through education, outreach, worship and support.

RADHARANI'S BAKERY

Egg-free vegetarian cakes, savouries and sweets
01923 851009

GIFT SHOP

Devotional paraphernalia, books, CDs, DVDs, traditional clothing and paintings
www.krishnashopping.com

CEREMONIES

Ceremonies, pujas and weddings
01923 851008

TAKE A COURSE

Invest valuable time in the study of precious scripture: Bhagavad Gita, Srimad Bhagavatam, Sri Isopanisad & more

JOIN A LOCAL GROUP

Uncover your spiritual potential in the joyful company of like-minded families and individuals

OFFER SOMETHING BACK

Support the entire range of temple activities by becoming a Patron of Bhaktivedanta Manor

VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME

Help is required in all areas imaginable: cooking, cleaning, teaching, office work, web design, media & technical, gardening, farming, garland making. Join a lively team and experience the unique service atmosphere at Bhaktivedanta Manor.

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Main website of Bhaktivedanta Manor
Mail-order - books and paraphernalia
Recordings for download, live streaming
ISKCON Pandava Sena - Youth
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ISKCON around the UK

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