



The ICCA
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Indian Community Centre Association

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Newsletter

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Changing Times at The ICCA



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an update from the Chair

I would like to welcome you all to the latest newsletter from The ICCA. Since the last newsletter, some significant changes have taken place both within the organisation and the wider environment in which we operate. To list a few:

- **A new Management Board** - in July 2009 a new Board was appointed to run the organisation. This move saw a majority of new Board members joining 'Team ICCA' and it represented the biggest change in the Board's composition for over 10 years. Meet Team ICCA on pages 6 and 7 of the newsletter.
- **A new name and revised pricing** - whilst corporate customers are happy with The ICCA name, feedback from our members suggests that for private functions, particularly weddings, we need to develop a different name. The new name has been agreed following a competition amongst our members. Along with a new name, a more flexible per head pricing model for private functions has recently been launched. Read more on page 3.
- **Improved services** - the completion of all the building works at The ICCA has enabled us to expand our services. For example, our Dosti Luncheon Club is open five days a week and the Visa Service now has its own dedicated office providing a better environment for our customers.
- **Financial cuts** - the current financial climate is tough for us all. Nottingham City Council, our main funder, has asked us to expect up to a 30% cut in grant next year. Clearly, this represents a major challenge as we continue to develop a successful social enterprise so in the future, can survive without support from the public sector.

I hope this newsletter will show you how we are dealing with the challenges. Please continue to support us and perhaps you will feel inspired enough to join Team ICCA.

Finally I would like to wish a Happy Diwali and season's greetings to our members.

Resham Aujla – Chair of the Management Board



A New Name for The ICCA!

Following member feedback given at the recent AGM, the Management Board set up a competition to help re-launch our venue amongst the wedding market. We were looking for a new name to work alongside our ICCA identity and through the competition we found 'The Atrium' would work best as a sub brand.

In addition to a new name, a number of upgrades are planned for the venue. These include a new portable dance floor and other internal improvements, all of which will help re-launch the building as one of Nottingham's premier wedding venues.

After selecting a more suitable name we have also responded to changes in the market place by introducing a competitive per head pricing package. The new package gives you more flexibility and options that meet the needs of a wider range of customers. Overall, we believe that the new sub brand and pricing will provide greater value for our members with packages that start from just **£5 per head**.

The sub brand 'The Atrium' will be launched soon and will form the basis of our plans to build our wedding business.

Finally to re-assure our members, The Indian Community Centre Association (The ICCA) will still remain our legal entity and there will be no changes to the legal status; the new sub-brand will further strengthen our social enterprise principles and allow us more flexibility to increase the bookings.



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The Atrium



The Atrium

The Atrium
offers greater value!!!

As well as a new name, members can take advantage of the new per head pricing structure that provides greater value and flexibility for private social functions. With prices starting from just £5 per head for members to include all the things one would require from a quality venue we aim to make your special event a truly memorable one. Non-members can benefit from these packages but will pay a 10% premium.

Upgrade options include drinks, food, decoration and entertainment for all budgets. We work with a range of reputable suppliers who are experienced and have a proven track record.

To book your event, just call **Bally Sahota on 0115 9693402** to discuss availability and your detailed requirements



Bowled Over

by ICCA Cricketers



ICCA Cricket celebrated another successful year with 160 people attending the popular annual awards evening. Over 100 young people signed up for cricket training and are supported by a team of coaches, managers, trainers and the two main organisers Hemant Patel and Kailash Dal. Highlights for the season include:

- ICCA player of the season, Anuj Dal won Nottinghamshire Young Personality of the Year award for his achievements representing England under (U) 16's in the Indoor World Cup in Australia.
- 12 ICCA cricketers were selected in the Nottinghamshire Youth County, Sub-County and District Squads.
- Indoor matches take place for junior and adult teams.
- U10, U11, U13 and U15 Hard Ball Teams are entered into the Nottingham Youth Cricket League.

For further information about The ICCA Cricket Club please contact Hemant on 07767 070746 or Kailash on 07951 739295.

Thanks go to both organisers for their continued hard work.

The Social Calendar at The ICCA

The centre marked **Republic Day 2010** with over 250 people attending the annual flag raising ceremony on 26th January. The sentiments of Republic Day were represented in a creative workshop with Artcore. Our younger and older members created collages that have since been displayed in the 1947 Suite for all to see.

Fun continued at the centre with the annual **Vaisakhi** celebration. In partnership with Nottingham Asian Arts Council and Nottingham Lions Club the event was also attended by the Consulate General of India, Mr Gururaj Rao and enjoyed by over 500 of our members.

August 15th saw the annual **Independence Day festivities**. Over 350 members attended the traditional flag raising ceremony along with The ICCA's launch of its first ever art exhibition called Glolocalisation, which brought together 40 artists from India and the local region to display their works in The Atrium. More information about the new ICCA Gallery is mentioned below.

The ICCA also held its **Annual General Meeting** (AGM) with over 100 guests attending. The discussions highlighted ICCA successes and areas for improvement for the staff and Management Board to focus on. Lively discussion was had by all.

Ten nights of **Navratri** followed at The ICCA in October. Our members celebrated with traditional dancing as well as food at the centre.

Still to come this year is the ever popular **Diwali party** in November. Over half the tickets for this year's event were sold out within a few weeks of going on sale. Hurry get your tickets which include a three course meal from Mahir's in Birmingham and don't forget to bring your dancing shoes..



Coming soon
is the annual
New Year's Eve
celebrations
at The ICCA.

Sign up for
The ICCA
e-bulletin
to find out when
tickets go on sale.



'Team ICCA' | Meet the Management

About Resham Aujla

(Chair of the Management Board)

- Reason for joining the Board - to make The ICCA the most successful, financially independent community enterprise in the country.
- Areas of Responsibility within The ICCA - currently the Chair - overview of finance, personnel and marketing.
- Interesting fact about you - travelled to Moscow in 1986 crossing the infamous 'Checkpoint Charlie' in Berlin.
- Bollywood or Hollywood - neither; I enjoy watching live sports.
- Fish & Chips or Chicken Tikka Masala – both, Fish and Chips on Fridays and Chicken any other day.
- Night owl or Early bird - early bird, especially in the summer when I play Golf.

About Gurmeet Vohra

(Vice Chair of The ICCA Management Board)

- Reason for joining The ICCA Board - My father, for teaching me about "giving back" to the community and to help others & my grandfather for teaching me about Indian cultural values and their importance.
- Areas of responsibility within The ICCA - IT and Dosti club.
- Interesting fact about you - Semi-professional Breakdancer.
- Bollywood or Hollywood – Bollywood
- Fish and Chips or Chicken Tikka Masala - Chicken Tikka Masala
- Night owl or Early Bird - both Early and Night bird

About Manoj Tugnait

(Vice Chair of the Management Board)

- Reason for joining the Board - to support and help The ICCA to become financially sustainable for us and for our next generation to come.
- Areas of Responsibility within The ICCA - lead on personnel issues.
- Interesting fact about you - I have had tea with Princess Anne at Buckingham Palace when I was 17 years old.
- Bollywood or Hollywood - Hollywood films usually, until the wife drags me to watch a Bollywood film at the cinema.
- Fish & Chips or Chicken Tikka Masala – both, but must be complimented with chillies (I like my food hotter than hot).

- Night owl or Early bird – night owl, I tend to work late but like to listen to the radio in the morning before I start work.

About Kamal Bowry

(Treasurer)

- Reasons for joining the board: I would like to improve the accounts and financial reporting.
- Areas of Responsibility within The ICCA – Finance.
- Interesting fact about you – Good gardener; painter and decorator Bollywood or Hollywood – Bollywood
- Fish & Chips or Chicken Tikka Masala – Fish and chips
- Night owl or Early bird- Early bird

About Satvinder Nanua

(Assistant Treasurer)

- Reason for joining The Board – to use my skills and knowledge to help The ICCA become a valuable resource for the community.
- Areas of Responsibility within The ICCA - Assistant Treasurer; monitoring budgets and the financial system.
- Interesting fact about yourself – did my first GCSE (in Punjabi) just after my 13th birthday and gained a grade B.
- Bollywood or Hollywood – depends on my mood and how much time I have!
- Fish & Chips or Chicken Tikka Masala – difficult choice, I'd have to say both!
- Night owl or Early bird - early bird for weekdays and night owl on the weekends!

About Parminder Samrai

(Company Secretary of The ICCA)

- Reasons for joining The Board – keeps me out of mischief!
- Areas of Responsibility within the ICCA – ICCA youth activities.
- Interesting fact about you – I once shared an apple pie with the King of Luxembourg.
- Bollywood or Hollywood – neither; prefer British Directors such as Mike Leigh and Shane Meadows.
- Fish & Chips or Chicken Tikka Masala – always Tikka Masala.
- Night owl or Early bird – early bird, except when Manchester United is playing at home, midweek!!

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About Kashmeera Gorecha

(Assistant Company Secretary of The ICCA)

- Reason for joining the Board - to contribute to the community and help improve services for our members.
- Areas of Responsibility within the ICCA – communications, including the website, electronic bulletins, annual review and newsletters.
- Interesting fact about you - had a conversation with some famous faces including Mary J Blige and Boy George.
- Bollywood or Hollywood - definitely Hollywood.
- Fish & Chips or Chicken Tikka Masala – only chips please.
- Night owl or Early bird – night owl.

About Atma Dillon

- Reason for joining the Board - I would like to make the centre financially healthy.
- Areas of Responsibility within The ICCA – Dosti Social club and building maintenance.
- Interesting fact about yourself – I travelled overland across most of Europe as far east as Turkey.
- Bollywood or Hollywood – Bollywood
- Fish & Chips or Chicken Tikka Masala – Chicken Tikka Masala
- Night owl or Early bird – Early bird

About Sudheer Gupta

- Reason for joining the Board - bring about political awareness amongst the Indian community.
- Areas of Responsibility within the ICCA – ICCA Care
- Interesting fact about yourself – Easy going person
- Bollywood or Hollywood – Hollywood
- Fish & Chips or Chicken Tikka Masala – neither I am a vegetarian
- Night owl or Early bird – Night owl

About Hasmukh Mistry

- Reason for joining the Board - to volunteer and get involved in the Nottingham community.
- Areas of Responsibility within The ICCA - cultural events, assisting in The Dosti Club and building maintenance.
- Interesting fact about you – there are too many to list, actually he couldn't think of anything specific! A fact about Hasmukh is that he is a friend to everyone (says the editor).



- Bollywood or Hollywood – Bollywood.
- Fish & Chips or Chicken Tikka Masala - Chicken Tikka but a takeaway on Friday nights!
- Night owl or Early bird - night owl!

About Steve Sanghera

- Reason for joining the Board – to make The ICCA self sustainable for the future
- Areas of Responsibility within The ICCA – Dosti Social Club
- Interesting fact about yourself – youngest person to attain a hackney carriage license at age 18 in 1978
- Bollywood or Hollywood – Hollywood
- Fish & Chips or Chicken Tikka Masala – Both at the same time!
- Night owl or Early bird – night owl.

About Satinder Sharma

- Reason for joining the Board – to serve the Indian community in the most positive way possible
- Areas of Responsibility within The ICCA – The Visa service.
- Interesting fact about yourself – first Indian to join Nottingham police and to achieve rank of Chief Inspector.
- Bollywood or Hollywood – Bollywood
- Fish & Chips or Chicken Tikka Masala – both
- Night owl or Early bird – both

About Nick Singh

- Reason for joining the Board – to use my skills and knowledge to help The ICCA become a valuable resource for the community.
- Areas of Responsibility within the ICCA – sales and marketing, green projects and new business development.
- Interesting fact about yourself – I paint portraits!
- Bollywood or Hollywood – both.
- Fish & Chips or Chicken Tikka Masala – both.
- Night owl or Early bird – both.

Competitions, Quizzes and Socialising at The Dosti Club



The ICCA Dosti Club re-opened its doors recently. Once again on offer is a family friendly atmosphere, food and a full bar service. Initial plans are to open the club on alternate Friday evenings throughout 2010.

The first of many to come, Dosti Friday Club nights, saw the launch of the Dosti Pool Competition. Proving popular, the competition's first winner was Mr. Batch Kang. Forthcoming Club nights will see quizzes, table tennis, competitions and more.

We welcome suggestions for future activities at the club; please email your ideas to enquiries@TheICCA.co.uk. To find out more about opening times or entertainment plans please visit our website at www.TheICCA.co.uk or sign up for our weekly e-bulletins.

Amardeep's Day Care Angels

Our award winning Day Care Service continues to provide quality care for our older members, all led by Amardeep Bhattal.

Since March 2010, Day Care Services at The ICCA have successfully relocated to the first floor, 1947 Suite, providing a dedicated space for our members including an exercise area.

A recent survey indicated that 90% of service users are satisfied with the level of care they receive at the centre. Many positive comments have been received including good feedback from the families of service users who have also reflected on the quality of care given by staff at the centre.

On offer at the centre are:

- Access to specialised nursing staff
- Regular yoga and fitness classes
- Provision of a Meals On Wheels service
- Surgeries with Safer Neighbourhood beat officers
- Shopping day trips
- Mobile library service, and more.

The Girls are Back in Town!

ICCA Ladies are in full swing. With a packed programme of fun including trips out of Nottingham, the group are enjoying each other's company. For more information please call Team ICCA on 0115 969 3402. The group is holding an open evening on Wednesday 12th January 2011 at 6.30pm at The ICCA, so why not come along and put forward your ideas for future activities.

The Best Grub in Town

After launching the Dosti Luncheon Club back in March 2010, the meal experience has received much good feedback. Open midday to 1.30pm, food and bar service is available Monday to Friday in the Dosti Suite. Feedback from customers indicates that they are pleased with the quality of food and the discounted member rates. Why not bring your family along for a lunch time special at The Dosti Luncheon Club.



'Team ICCA' Needs You

The ICCA is a vibrant and expanding organisation that relies heavily on the voluntary contributions of members.

We offer opportunities for people to develop their skills and interest as well as helping with personal development which is invaluable when pursuing paid employment.

We are always looking for new people to join 'Team ICCA' in a voluntary capacity. Please contact Jyoti Agheda of Team ICCA to arrange an informal chat about how you can help your community.

Creative Juices Flow through our Centre



Art has reached new heights at The ICCA with a strong partnership developed with local organisation, Artcore. Workshops involving younger people, adults and the older generation on the themes of freedom, friendship and memories resulted in pieces of art that have been displayed throughout the building.

Launched at this year's Independence Day event, The ICCA Gallery was home to its first exhibition entitled Glocalisation.

We plan to continue displaying themed art and if you have any suggestions please let us know.

Wollaton to Vilamoura

ICCA Golfers Play the Ryder Cup Course

ICCA golfers raise their game and play on world-class courses across the country and abroad. With a full programme of golfing trips to Vilamoura in Portugal, Forest Pines, Carden Park and possibly the most famous of all, Celtic Manor; home of this year's Ryder Cup, the group also meet at Wollaton Park on a regular basis to sharpen their skills.

For more information or to join the club, please contact
Ajit Samra on 07768 362 432.



Boys will be boys!

Our older boys enjoy lively discussion and socialising at The Over 50's Club.

Taking place every Monday's and Thursday's at 11am at The ICCA club members meet and chat over a cuppa of Masala chai. Led by our long-standing supporter Santokh of Team ICCA, more members are always welcome.

To find out more about activities please call
Team ICCA on 0115 969 3402.



Learn to Dance like Desi Divas

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Bollywood dance classes arrive at the centre.

Our younger members can now participate in beginners and advanced classes taking place on Wednesday evenings, led by professional dancer Dimple Chauhan, part of Nupur Arts Community Dance Association in Leicester.

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To find out more please contact:

Bally Sahota of Team ICCA on 0115 969 3402.

Travelling to India with The ICCA

In the past six months The ICCA Visa Service has processed well over 300 visas and Overseas Citizenship of India applications. It continues to go from strength to strength and now, nearing its busiest time of the year, the Visa Service has further expanded its offering. The latest resource is the Indian Passport Surrendering Service, on offer for a nominal fee.

If you are travelling to India and would like more information, please contact Dial Basi or Jyoti Agheda of Team ICCA on 0115 969 3402, between 9.30am and 2.30pm.



'Team ICCA' – Meet the Staff

The ICCA continues to operate with a small team of dedicated employees who are supplemented with a large pool of volunteers including a Management Board who work both behind the scenes and hands on. A big thank you to them all.

Amardeep Bhattal has been heading up the staff team in addition to his usual role as Care Services Manager. Amardeep's office team includes Jyoti Agheda our latest recruit, Ramesh Lodhia, Suresh Mehan, Gita Keval, Bali Sohal our longest serving member and Bally Sahota who rejoins The ICCA after her travels.

The part time day care team includes Dinesh Chhatralia, Jayshree Chhatralia, Joylus Conrad, Sunil Lata Dadar, Kalpesh Desai, Jaswinder Kaur and Usha Naik. The Day Care team have always provided the highest levels of service and have in the past been referred to as 'Amardeep's Angels' for their excellent bed side manner and level of care given to our older members.

Another invaluable part of Team ICCA is the catering staff and includes Lalita Acharya, Chanderkanta Bhurji, Santosh Kalia, Manjit Kaur, Ravinder Kaur, Gurdev Sanghera and Anita Sharma. Our long standing and hard working staff volunteers include Dial Basi who leads the visa service, Pushkar Lail who provides advice and guidance to our members and Santokh Dhaliwal who runs our Over 50's Men's Club.

Local organisations PATRA and ACDA have also provided The ICCA with helpful staff as part of the Future Jobs Fund placement programme – a big thank you to this team as well. We wish you well in your future placements.

Decibels Increase with the Dhol Group

The Dhol classes are a well-established activity. The group encompasses the musical abilities of a range of younger members from the ages of 12-25 years and includes a beginners and an advanced class.

To find out more about this popular activity or to add your name to the waiting list please call Harminderjeet Johal on 0779 095 2146.

Join our Mailing List

We hope you enjoyed reading the newsletter. Why not register your email address to receive our regular e-bulletins about the latest activities at the centre.

To sign up please visit our website at

www.TheICCA.co.uk

and complete an online enquiry form.