

LEICESTER BRANCH NEWSLETTER



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Assalamun Alaykum

We would like to introduce the first issue of our jamaat's newsletter. Its purpose is to keep you informed of news, general information about issues that are of concern & benefit to us & act as a diary of forthcoming activities and events.

It is also a method to keep you informed on how our Committee is progressing with plans and tasks undertaken for the betterment of the Jamaat. The success and triumph of tasks the Committee undertakes will depend on your support & co-operation & feedback.

This issue of the Leicester newsletter is fittingly festive in keeping time with this year after celebrating Eid & Diwali together. As Christmas is in the midst we continue the joyful celebrations right away with some seasonal sparkle.

As always we want to encourage you to share your opinions and thoughts, so don't hesitate to drop any of the committee members a line. With the festival celebrations now underway, we wish all our mumineens health & peace for 2006.

Arrival of Brother Qureshbhai Hussein

Qureshbhai has been warmly received by us all.

We are thankful for his presence and are sure his knowledge will be very rewarding for our Jamaat. He has joined us initially for six months. Thereafter, Inshallah we would like to make his stay permanent subject to home office approval & permit, which we are working on.

Communication

As the majority of us have access to computers & mobile phones, it was only logical that information should be sent to you in this way. We are grateful for your co-operation in providing your e-mail address & mobile numbers, with this information I have updated our ring system list (which is attached to this newsletter).

We would like to keep the system updated so please let me know if any of your contact details have changed. If there is more than one e-mail

address used in your home, forward it to Kalim Vanat (kalimvanat@hotmail.com) so that it can be added to the mailing list.

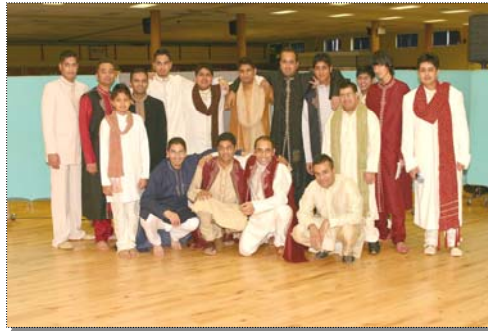
This will not replace our current system of telephoning each other!!

Eid Function

The Committee would like to extend their heartiest thank you to all volunteers especially to all the youth who worked extremely hard organizing and making the Eid function a great success.

Once again thank you to Zarina Tayabali for organizing the magnificent fashion show and Banu Lokat for co-coordinating the day.

For your information we have received positive and encouraging feedback from many of the people who attended.



Can you spot any super models!!!

Building Report

We are pleased to inform you that the 1st phase of planning for extending the hall has been approved by the council.

Booking of Husseini Manzil

Please contact Moshinbhai Sulemanji for the booking of Husseini Manzil.

Contact Tel: (0116) 2330025 / 2333437.

Current charges:	Hall & cooking:	£55.00
	Hall use only:	£35.00
	Cooking Only:	£30.00
	Majlis only:	£10.00

Niyaz Serving

Arif Sadikot will look after volunteers and the serving of niyaz. As a code of practice we would like everyone to sit around in groups of 8, this will help with the smooth running of the niyaz, please listen out for instructions.

Subscription Fees & Gift Aid Programme

This is to remind you that previous and current year fees are now due. It will be helpful to all members if payments are made by direct debit (a form is enclosed). Also attached is a gift aid form. By completing this form the jamaat will benefit by claiming an ADDITIONAL 28% – 40% extra INCOME, all you need it to be a tax payer (for any questions please do not hesitate to contact Imtiaz Sulemanji). Please sign and return the forms for the jamaats benefit and the good news is that we can backdate the claim to 2000.

We shall be chasing you up on this!!!

Thought of the Day

The believers whose faith is most perfect are those who have the best character.

Do not consider any kindness insignificant, even meeting your brother with a cheerful face. (every act of kindness is sadqa).

Question:

Why is Surah Fateha recited repeatedly in Salat?

Answer:

Because Surah Fateha is considered to be the Mother of Quran and contains all the fundamentals of faith (Islam). Without reciting Surah Fateha your prayers are invalid.

Jumirat Program

Every Thursday evening from 8pm we hold Isha Namaaz, followed by recitation of yasin and a discussion with Qureshbahi regarding Islam. We strongly recommended that we all make an effort to attend.

Important for the younger members of the community!!!

Sports—Important for the Mind, Body and Soul

Friday badminton restarts from 13th Jan at the Maher Centre from 8 – 10pm. We need at least 15–20 people per session.

Football sessions have started on Tuesdays from 8–9pm, for further info please contact Imtiaz Sulemanji.

All are welcome to both events!!!

Dates for the Diary

Forthcoming events to look out for!!

*** Program timing to be confirmed**

Important Event	English Date	Islamic Date
1st Night	30th Dec 2005	30th Zilqad
Urs Sayedna Muhammad Bin Hatim	31st Dec 2005	1st Zilhaj
Yaumul Jarwiya (Beginning of Hajj Journey)	7th Jan 2006	8th Zil Haj
Yaumaul Arafah (First Day of Haj)	8th Jan 2006	9th Zil Haj
Takbirah Begin from Fajr Namaz till Asr	8th – 12th Jan 2006	9th – 13th Zil Haj
*Eid-al-Adha (Bakra Eid)	9th Jan 2006	10th Zil Haj
Urs Sayedna Yousuf Najmuddin	15th Jan 2006	16th Zil Haj
Wafat 18th Imam Mustansir Billah	17th Jan 2006	18th Zil Haj
*Eid-e-Ghadeer Roza & Washek til Zohar	17th Jan 2006	18th Zil Haj

Madressa

Our Madressa program has been running during the xmas holiday period. I am pleased that the turn out of youngsters & youth attending has been good. Unfortunately because of out of school activities it is not practical to continue with Madressa during the weekdays @ Hussein Manzil. We have concluded that the following program will take place **effective from SATURDAY 7th Jan 06.**

Monday to Friday

Those parents, who wish to have their kids taught @ home, can make their own arrangements with Qureshbahi. Tel 2681499

IT IS THE PARENTS RESPONSIBILITY TO COLLECT & RETURN Qureshbahi.

Effective from Saturday 7th Jan 06

Madressa will be held @ Hussein Manzil between 3pm till 4.30pm for all ages.

If your child is unable to attend, please let Qureshbahi know Tel 2681499

Careful consideration has been given to this program, I hope that all parents will make use of this opportunity to give their kids some Islamic knowledge.

That's all folks. If you have a short article or information that would benefit our community or its members, please forward it to Kalim Vanat for it to be included in the next issue towards the end of Jan 2006. Your feedback is also much appreciated.

Bereavement

On behalf of Leicester jamaat we would like to pass our condolences to the families of Mr Murtazabhai Kaderbhai who recently lost his beloved wife (Raziaben), & a dear sister to Mr Murtazabhai Jivanjee in London.

