



**Registered U.K. Charity No 299275**

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Saraswat Samaj (UK): 39 Chapman Crescent, Kenton, Middlesex HA3 0TG

28<sup>th</sup> June 2009

Dear Members,

On behalf of the Executive Committees of the Gowda Saraswath Sabha and the Saraswat Samaj, we take great pleasure in inviting you and your family to spend a weekend in August at the YHA Ilam Hall in the Peak District. Arrangements have been made at the YHA Ilam Hall for two nights, on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August and Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Aug 2009. This year the Summer Bank Holiday falls on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2009. We are scheduled to leave the hostel after breakfast on Monday.



The Ilam Hall YHA is Victorian gothic manor house, that has been just refurbished with over 84 acres of country park, a National Trust estate, which runs along both banks of the River Manifold and is set in the White Peak district of the Peak District National Park. At the back of the hostel is the National Trust Visitor Centre, the Tea Shop and an Italian Garden with spectacular views over Dovedale.



As usual, we hope to have two fun filled evenings with music, quizzes, Bingo, disco and of course sumptuous dinners.

There is a lot to do in the Derbyshire, where the hostel is located and a few suggestions are given below, for your day on Sunday (30<sup>th</sup> August '09) which you may like to explore further.

#### For Families and Sightseeing

- The Heights of Abraham – a cable car ride to the summit, two show caverns to explore,

picnic and play areas, places to eat and drink and of stunning views .... A short drive to Matlock Bath to catch the cable car.

Underground caves – e.g. Poole's Cavern - over 2 million years old. Guided walks through wonders of nature – stalactites and stalagmites that children only read about in school – all in front of you.

<http://www.poolescavern.co.uk/>



- Castles e.g. Bolsover Castle or modern day Theme Parks like Alton Towers not too far away. Chatsworth House, just 8 miles north of Matlock and 16 miles of the M1 (Junction 29) is a very nice place, with its magnificent house, gardens, maze and fountains.

<http://www.chatsworth.org/>



- Fascinating towns to visit – Ashbourne (just 4 miles away) , Matlock Bath, Chesterfield and Buxton, to name just a few.

<http://www.peakdistrict.org/>

#### For the Adventurous and Sporting

- Walking Trails some with Mountain biking options e.g. the Tissington Trail (which starts from Ashbourne.

<http://www.derbyshire-peakdistrict.co.uk/tissingtontrail.htm>

- Go-APE: - a "high wire forest adventure"

<http://www.goape.co.uk/>



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This time, we are not making group bookings for activities on Sunday and encourage you to try out any of these suggested options or others available in Derbyshire.

Please send in your suggestions of what you would like to do over the weekend and we can try and incorporate it into the plan.

The charges for the weekend are as follows:

Adults	£ 80 per person
Children (over 3 but less than 18)	£ 55 per child

The committee has taken note of your comments and suggestions and this time, have offered the following discounts: -

- 15% discount to students in full time education.
- 50% discount for the 2<sup>nd</sup> child in a family that has more than 1 child (only on application – please see the section on Page 3)

The Sabha will be providing dinner on Saturday and Sunday evening and breakfast on Sunday and Monday morning. Please note there may be a cover charge levied for any further incidental expenses. It is assumed that most members will be making their own arrangements for lunch on Sunday as historically nearly everyone goes out visiting the local area or participating in some outdoor activity. If you would like us to arrange (through the YHA) a packed lunch, we would require at least 48 hours notice. A section on Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) has been included to give you some guidance on the event.

*We will be holding a raffle. If you would be interested in contributing any item, which could be used for the raffle, please could you advise the Sabha's secretary Dr Prakash Nayak by email or telephone on drprakash@gmail.com 07830 198833 or 01303 850883. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated.*

**Please send in your reply slips with the corresponding charges per person to Mr. Sadananda Nayak at 13 Belvedere Way, Kenton, Harrow, Middlesex HA3 9XQ Please note that the last date for receiving your deposits is 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009. The cheques should be made payable to Gowda Saraswath Sabha (U.K.) Receipt of the cheque is the only way to reserve your place and it will be on a first come first served basis.**

We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible, to this event in the Sabha's calendar.

Yours Sincerely,

**Dr. Vinod Gadiyar**  
Chairperson

**Dr. Prakash Nayak**  
Secretary

The usual rules of hostel stay apply, and you are advised to bring along towels, toiletries and perhaps a padlock, for your own locker or under bed drawer. The hostel is in the Peak District and we recommend that you bring your waterproofs, trekking gear and a light sweater/coat as preferable. The facilities look brand new and it should be a fun filled weekend to network with 100+ fellow Konkanis.

*Since places are very limited, we encourage you to book as soon as possible to guarantee your place.*

The payment rules at the YHA have been getting stricter each year, and we are required to pay the entire booking amount upfront to the YHA before the event. A percentage of the total amounts due has already been paid.

If you have any dietary preferences, please could you indicate those in the section on Page 3. We always try to accommodate any special needs and if there is something important, that you would like us to cater for, please could you indicate the same on Page 3 and send it back to us.



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**YHA ILAM HALL – BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND MEET – AUGUST 2009**

Please fill this form and mail with your cheque for the applicable charges to **The Treasurer, Gowda Saraswath Sabha (UK), Mr. Sadananda Nayak at 13 Belvedere Way, Kenton, Harrow, Middlesex HA3 9XQ**

Please make your cheques payable to Gowda Saraswath Sabha (U.K.). Any queries please contact any member of the Executive Committee.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Rates applicable**

Adults	£ 80 per head	
Children	£ 55 per head	
Full Time students	£ 68 per head	[Please see note below]
Discounted Price for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> child	£ 27.50 per head	[Please see note below]

Names and Number of Persons attending:

Name	Category (tick as applicable)		Amount	Full Time Student (Tick if applicable)	Discount for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Child (tick if applying for the discount)
	Adult	Child < 18 Years			

TOTAL £

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed Cheque for \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Preferences \_\_\_\_\_

Any Special Requirements \_\_\_\_\_

*Note:- Whilst the Executive Committee is offering members the opportunity to claim a discount, if applicable, we would encourage members to pay the standard rate and support your charity, as any shortfalls from the weekend's collection, would have to be borne by the Sabha's reserves. We aim to ensure that all events are self financing in their own right.*