



On Behalf of Our Board of Trustees & Committee



Paul Holmes
Director at Saffron
Kitchen CIC



On behalf of the Committee I wish you a warm welcome to our Newsletter.

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as you may see me a lot more moving forward!

My first contact with The Asian Association and Saffron Kitchen was in the summer of 2021. I had been tasked with finding some Bollywood dancers for an "Indian themed evening" within another charity I was involved with.

Where in Chesterfield do you get Bollywood dancers? After a good old Google search, I came across Asian Association based in Hasland. Initially linking with Sushri and Shruti.

From the very first moment I was made most welcome, I believe cake was involved, and after we had swapped stories about our shared commitment to serving the community, to supporting local charities and in particular the distribution of meals during the pandemic, it became obvious that we shared very similar goals and ambitions, and that there was much more to The Asian Association than I had suspected.

We decided to hold a joint event in 2022 which coincided with their 40th anniversary, and as an interim event they helped with a Christmas Fayre I had organised by supplying a food stall, which a great success. Very soon becoming a subscribing member as their work was, quite simply, worthy of support.

Summer of 2022 when I was approached to become a director of Saffron Kitchen Chesterfield CIC on its formation in September of that year. Despite the surprise invitation, I accepted immediately. With 30 years in the food industry that would prove useful, Edging retirement, the deciding factor was that I had come to appreciate their friendliness, their commitment, and their desire to truly serve the local community in so many ways.

We believe fate brought us together and I am proud to be a member of such an amazing team of people and looking forward to assisting to grow into a very valuable asset for the local area and a chance to meet you all.

Saffron Kitchen a registered CIC!



Our Saffron Kitchen Team outside of the Asian Association Centre.

Saffron Kitchen was an idea that finally came to life during the pandemic in 2019, an opportunity to support vulnerable people who were unable to leave their homes. As the world came back to normal, Saffron Kitchen opened its doors to regular meal days, cooking classes and catering events.

We finally got the news that Saffron Kitchen was officially registered as a CIC in September 2022! We wouldn't have been able to be where we are today without our amazing team that always bring their all.

Since Saffron Kitchen was formed, we have over 50 community events, had over 30 cookery classes and served 100+ meal days to Chesterfield and North Derbyshire. We look forward to many more years of provided delicious traditional foods within our community.



"When life seems hard, the courageous do not lie down and accept defeat; instead, they are all the more determined to struggle for a better future." - Queen Elizabeth II A difficult time for many across Great Britain for the loss of our longest reigning monarch. May be Rest in Peace and we thank her for her service.



Diwali 40th Anniversary Celebrations

15th October 2022



Holmehall Primary dance workshop



Chesterfield College dance workshop



Brimington Junior school dance workshop

Our biggest event to date as we celebrated our 40th year in supporting our community. We held our Diwali celebrations at the Winding Wheel Theatre in Chesterfield.

A huge thank you to the Arts Council England with their funding which allowed us to bring all the over from India, Kumar Sharma and his amazing team, Kathak Rockers as well as Hoverla Dance Ensemble, Sumana Narain, Kalamandalam Vijayakumar, Andy Bennett and 2 amazing chefs, Aysan Sheikh and Uttam Tripathy working along side our Saffron Kitchen team.

Funding and our sponsors allowed us to also put on multiple dance workshops at Brimington Junior school dance, Holmehall Primary dance, Chesterfield college and Connect Studios where Kumar and the Kathak rockers taught the true art of the Kathak dance.

You can see our the whole event on our YouTube Channel, searching **Asian Association of Chesterfield and North Derbyshire**



Kumar Sharma with Kathak Rockers performing at Diwali event



Diwali 40th Anniversary Celebrations at Winding Wheel Chesterfield



Connect Studios dance workshop



Chesterfield Medieval Market

July 2022



We had a great time at the Chesterfield Medieval Market where our Saffron Kitchen team served some tasty Indian Bhajis and Samosas! A wonderful event with a fun fair and a medieval reenactment!



Tesco generosity of £500 August 2022

Thank you for the support of Tesco Extra and their blue token incentive. All of your generous tokens allowed them to raise an amazing total of £500 for us.



CoOp generosity of £2189.73 November 2022

Thanks to your generous donations when shopping at the Co-Op, we were presented with £2189.73! For every £1 you spent, 2p went into our membership account. We are very grateful!

Thank you!



Tapton Lock Festival

September 2022



A great weekend working in partnership with Junction Art to bring you Tapton Lock Festival celebrating the 10th year anniversary, Full of fun for the whole family, art workshops, Chinese lion dance, Ukrainian dancing, and plenty of outdoor activities. Our Saffron Kitchen team were welcomed by plenty of amazing people serving delicious home cooked food and a lot of involvement in our Saree draping.



Our busiest cooking class yet!

September 2022



We are so grateful to have had such an incredible turn out to one of our cooking classes.

We hold our cooking classes on the first Wednesday of every month and as it continues to grow popularity we are hopeful of holding on a Saturday once a month.

Each month we create a new flavoured dish with full step by step support, allowing those attending to go home with confidence and of course, taste their delicious creation.



We say goodbye to Kathak Rockers



Our farewell was a difficult one as our hearts have been full having Kumar Sharma and the Kathak Rockers with us. They have travelled all over Chesterfield to bring their knowledge, experience and expertise to local schools as well as an amazing performance at our Diwali 40th Anniversary event.



A huge Thank You to



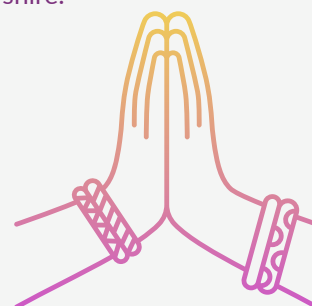
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ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND



Without the funding of Arts Council England, our Diwali Celebrations would not have been possible.

We were very grateful for the opportunity this has given us in not only bringing the best Diwali event we have had yet, but also allowed us to support in dance schools, cater for the event which included a visit from the mayor.

A huge thank you again from all of us here at Asian Association of Chesterfield and N.derbyshire.





A prestigious moment for Saffron Kitchen

Nottingham Trent University business management students (MSC) used Saffron Kitchen as a case study for their final year.

We were presented with their findings including recommendations which can support Saffron Kitchen in their business elements. They followed their presentation with a Report and a very well done Q&A session that allowed us to fully understand the case study.

We want to thank the students for their hard work on this and we were delighted with the results. We wish them well on their studies and future chosen careers.



We launched our two new websites

We're always looking at ways we can support our community, we have created a separate Saffron Kitchen site for better access to what we offer and now Saffron Kitchen is registers as a CIC. We regularly update our websites to include;

- What's on
- Events
- New updates
- Menus
- Cooking classes
- and so much more.




www.asianassociationchesterfield.org
www.saffron-kitchen.org.uk


You are not alone as a Refugee



At Association Association we are supporting our dearest refugees in a happier, healthier life in the Chesterfield. Masuda and Asma Hameedi came to the UK as refugees, without a place to call home, we have supported them in their journey to a safe environment.

Not only in supporting in finding a place to call home, but also with English lessons, finding their way into the working environments. If you are in need of support as a Refugee, our doors are always open to you.





English Classes

Our first English class was conducted by our volunteer Patricia Bajaj. An amazing new opportunity for our community and supporting members.



New Centre Manager

We are delighted that Sadique Deshnur has joined our team as Centre Manager. Sadique started as a volunteer with us and has great knowledge of how we have run our centre for the last 40 years and we look forward to seeing what he brings to the team.

Christmas lunch for Asian Association, Saffron Kitchen & our volunteers



A delicious Christmas lunch for our Asian Association and Saffron Kitchen team including all volunteers. A great opportunity for everyone to come together for the holiday celebrations and enjoy delicious home cooked food made with so much love.

If you're interesting in becoming part of our constantly growing family, please get in touch, you're always welcome.





Fundraise whilst you're shopping!



It's never been easier to raise funds for the Asian Association of Chesterfield.

Here's our handy list on how to raise money simply by doing your shopping!

- **Co-op:** If you shop often at Co-op, please consider nominating us as the cause you support and for every £1 you spend, 2p will go into our membership account. And Co-op donates the same to our cause!
- **Tesco Extra - Blue Tokens.** Each time you shop at Tesco Extra - please post your token in the Asian Association box!
- **Amazon Smile:** Similarly, if you nominate us as your chosen cause, a proportion of what you spend will go towards the Asian Association.
- **Easy Fundraising:** Easy fundraising is a shopping platform with a variety of online shops - familiar and new! This means that over 4,000 shops and sites will be able to donate to us for FREE every time you use easyfundraising to shop with them. These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us - it's completely FREE and doesn't take long.

Don't forget - if you want keep up to date with all that's happening, follow us on social media



Lottery Community Fund Grant

Having received this grant in a three-year agreement in 2019, we are grateful to the Lottery Community Fund for their continued support. This grant forms the solid base to all our projects, services and activities. We are hugely grateful for it!



Voluntary Sector Grant

Awarded to help support our core activities within the community



The Commissioner's Vulnerability Fund

Thanks to this fund, we have been able to purchase aprons, fleeces and hazard vests for staff and volunteers from Saffron Kitchen. We have also been able to provide some of our members with added security in the form of residential cameras.



Arts Council England

Thanks the fund approved by Arts Council England, we were able to put on our best Diwali event celebrating our 40th Anniversary. Allowing us to bring over dance act all the way from India and provide classes to schools.

Our Thanks and Gratitude

We would like to offer our sincere thanks to Chris Wells for his assistance and advice, Chris supports in not only our applications with Saffron Kitchen and Asian Association but also attends every event, we can't thank him enough as a valued volunteer. Matlock Print and Digital Print for their printing expertise as well as always being able to support what could be last minute work. To our service users for their generosity in positive feedback, our volunteers for their time dedicated and to every one of our supporters who send us their their goodwill. We look forward to your continued support, friendship and kindness!



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