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# TAZI KHABR

A Newsletter dedicated to the Kokni Community In Luton



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## AS SALAAMU ALAIKUM AND RAMADHAN MUBARAK!

### Community News

#### CONGRATULATIONS:

A big congratulations to the Kokni Cricket Team who this year won the Kokni Inter-City Tournament. **Read more under the sports section.**

Good news for some, maybe bad news for others! Our Vice-president, Abdul Rauf Parkar has been appointed a magistrate. To our knowledge he is the first Kokni in Luton to achieve such a position – so congratulations to Abdul Rauf, Hajirah and family. In case you were wondering – yes, he will be sitting at Luton and Bedford Magistrates Court!

Our heartiest congratulations go to all the new graduates in our community who qualified this summer. We wish them all the best in their new careers.

We would also like to wish the members of our community who passed their “a” levels and other qualifications, and are off to universities this Autumn. We wish them good wishes as they start their tertiary education.

Congratulations to all the youngsters who passed their GCSE’s this summer.

Congratulations also to the recently newly weds and engaged in our community.

**May Allah subhana wa tala shower His Rahma, Barakah and Khayr on you all. Ameen!!!.**

#### WELCOME

Welcome to new additions in some of our families and **we pray that they grow up to be righteous and pious children. Ameen!!!**

We would also like to welcome Salim and Akeela Dalvi, Saeed and Akeeda Kazi and any other new Kokni families who have moved into Luton recently.

#### Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Ilayhi Raji Un

Sadly since our last newsletter there have been a number of deaths in our community. We would like to take this opportunity to pay our respects to the families and our duas are with you. **We pray that Allah subhana wa tala accepts all their ibadah, good deeds and actions, forgives them for their wrongs and grants them a place in Jannat Al Firdous. Ameen!!**

*As we have mentioned in previous newsletters, we are very keen to include this type of news in our future newsletters. This is information about births, deaths, marriages, exam results (failure’s too, if you want), career moves and so on. This very much depends on you informing us what you want included – so please make an effort to contact the General Secretary or any committee member.*

### Forthcoming Events— Dates for your diary

We have a number of events coming up over the next few months:

**15th October—Ifar** at Challney (bring a dish) doors open at 6pm

**5th November—Eid Celebration**—Challney around 5 pm

**25th February 2006 Annual General Meeting** time and venue TBA

**April 2006—Gala Dinner**—date and venue TBA

**8th July 2006—Inter City Cricket tournament**—Luton Hosts—Venue TBA

**22nd July 2006—Funday** time and venue TBA

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#### NEWSFLASH

- New timings for Maktab during Ramadhan
- No Maktab on Fridays
- Saturdays and Sundays 11:00—13:00
- Challney will still be open on Saturdays during Ramadhan depending on attendance

#### COMPETITION

Calling all 5-12 year olds. Tell us what we should call this newsletter. £10 book voucher to the winner. The suggested names will be then sent out for nomination in the next issue and the one who gets the most votes will be the winner



## RECREATION NEWS

### INTER-CITY REPORT:

Our day started with all the usual hope and banter as the two teams made their way to B'ham, but we were met by a grey sky and as usual the late arrival of the opposition.. The draw produced two leagues of all the A and B t e a m s .

Our boys in the B team (a mixture of youth, experience and a couple of ringers), did not make it past the group stages but

proved worthy opposition in all their matches. The A'team started the first game against Blackburn 'A' well with Intu Modak's customary hitting, but unfortunately that was the last time we were to see any of our batsmen perform in the tournament. We narrowly lost that match but due to some good fielding and bowling performances just about qualified for the Semi's.

We again made hard work of our B'ham 'B' opposition in the Semi but managed to book our place in the

final. Here we met the holders Blackburn 'A' again but this time bowled them out for 32 runs , the most impressive Luton bowling/fielding performance ever witnessed. However a special mention for Samad Parkar who, at the age of 49 -(sorry Sam), was quite rightly the man of the match and in our view tournament. Even with our poor batting we managed to score 32 runs and regain our position as best Kokni team in the land.

### HEALTH:

A number of Kokni members have recently been taken ill for a variety of reasons. What better way to keep yourself fit and healthy than to attend Challney for a swim or some exercise? We have fantastic facilities which members don't make enough use of.

Remember it is our religious obligation to keep ourselves healthy – the Prophet S.A.W himself enjoyed a swim or two.

## WEEKLY CHALLNEY ITINERARY

Challney opens at 1700

### SATURDAYS

#### *Men/Boys*

5pm –5:15pm Walk/jog round field, warm up for circuit training

5:15 pm –6 Circuit training + warm down

5:30 pm –7:15 pm Swimming

7:15 pm—8:15 pm Basket ball upstairs gym

#### *Ladies/ Girls*

5pm –5:15pm Walk/jog round field, warm up for circuit training

5:15 pm –5:45pm Net-ball upstairs

5:45 pm –7 pm Aerobics

7:15—8:15 Swimming

#### *Mixed*

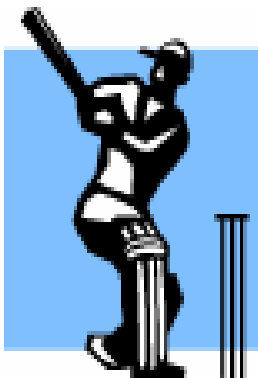
5:30—8:15 Badminton League basis

7:15—8:15 Football Coaching

### SUNDAYS

10:30—12:30 Football Training

## CRICKET AND FOOTBALL



The cricket season ended on a positive note considering our relegation in the mid-week cricket. Our first season in the Millman league was very enjoyable. We were able to give opportunities to some of our youngsters.

But our greatest achievement was to regain the inter-city/Kokan shield in

Birmingham

The football season is upon us again and the seasonal married vs. bachelors has already started with bachelors winning the first of many matches by 5-3. The score line does not reflect the true picture of the match, as the marrieds side

dominated the whole game.

Challney is up and running again so lets make great use of the facilities during long and cold winter nights.



## EDUCATION NEWS

We finally achieved one of our biggest ambitions this summer – to hold Maktab lessons in our own premises. We moved into 2/3 Bury Park Estate, Bury Park Road, Luton in June. The Education team has been working hard to build on the resources we have and they report good progress being made by the pupils attending.

We currently have about 30 children attending the Maktab.

One of the aims of the Education team is to make attending Maktab much, more than just learning the Koran. Children are now being taught all aspects of Islam and encouraged to take part in discussions and debates.

In response to a request from the Education team, the Management Committee has agreed to employ another Ma'alim for a trial period of three months. During this period, the Ma'alim's fees will be paid for by a private donation.

Since moving in, we have had many requests from non-Koknis, especially people living nearby, who want to send their children to us. We have turned them down upto now as we want to improve standards for our own children first. We also want to give priority to the growing number of Kokni children, who Inshallah will choose to attend our maktab, rather than go outside.

**Finally, the Maktab is still short of a co-ordinator. We have a Management Committee vacancy for this very important position which needs to be filled urgently. Please contact the Head of Education Committee or the General Secretary if you wish to come forward.**

### *Ramadhan Timings:*

***Fridays No Maktab***

***Saturdays 11am—1pm***

***Sundays 11am—1pm***

***Please drop and collect your children from the entrance door on time!!!***

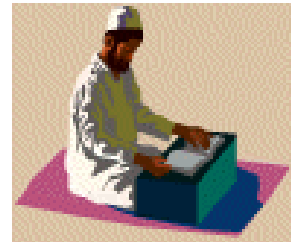
## PROPERTY NEWS

As reported above, we have been using the upstairs part of the building since June for Maktab. We now have to think of Phase 2 – which is refurbishing the downstairs “hall” and the roof. This will cost in the region of £30,000. This is a substantial amount of money. But we have come a very long way now, and with your continued support, we

can raise the money needed for this work. So, please help with the collection of funds where you can.

You may recall that the property currently only has provisional planning approval. An application has gone in to make this planning permission permanent. Inshallah, we will get the council to back us.

Inshallah, this will clear up any lingering doubts about the building's long-term future. We can use this as a launching pad for future fund-raising events.



*The Quran is Light.*

*The word of Allah is the light*

*Islam is the light*

### **Message from the Managing Committee:**

There are a few members who have still not paid this year's subscription and Challney fees.

Could you please send in your subs. ASAP to the Treasurer, Nazir Parkar .





## KOKAN DISASTER FUND

Around £1,300 was collected to help people affected by the floods in the Kokan region in India. We would like to thank all those who contributed. Majid Dalvi kindly agreed to act on our behalf to distribute these funds. The equivalent of 1 lakh rupees has been donated – and a full list of those who benefited has been obtained by KCL.

We were also recently approached by a delegation from Leicester, who were keen to start a long-term aid project to help flood disaster victims. We expressed a view that there was a need for some sort of national body of Kokni organisations which would co-ordinate a future appeal – or indeed discuss other issues affecting Koknis. The delegation promised to send us a response.

## FUND– RAISING EVENTS

### MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY:

Please provide us with your feedback on the format of this Newsletter—whether you like it or not, what do you want included in future newsletters. We have lots of ideas such as including quizzes for children, a kids corner with poems and stories written by our children, a Letters to the Editor section. To make these a success we need **YOUR** support.

We are at present re-vamping the site. It will in future include latest news and also an opportunity for you to register for the newsletter to be sent to you by email.

Send you comments and suggestions to Anwar Tambe  
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### FUN- DAY

We had our annual Fun-Day on 16th July at Challney which was very well attended—over 150 people came on a very warm summer ‘s day with lots of activities, food. In order to generate funds for KCL, food was on sale, there was car-washing, henna painting, massage. Sorry to the latecomers who missed out on these activities as well as the food which ran out. Over £900 was raised.

### DONATION

A private donation of 10 tables for the Maktab was received recently.

### OPEN DAY

An Open day was held in August to allow members to come and view the property. Work done by the Maktab children was on display. Cakes and Tea were on offer and approx. £300 was raised on that day.

### SPONSORED MASSAGE

A sponsored massage was held for ladies at Hajirah Parkar’s house, which was attended by 12 ladies who were pampered and who thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon. They went home very relaxed!. £210 was raised on that day.

### SHUKRAN—THANK YOU

The Managing Committee would like to Thank every one who has supported the fund-raising events and hope that we can count on your generosity in the future.

### CHILDREN’S SPONSORED SWIM

A sponsored swim was held at Challney on 17th September . 5 boys and 10 girls took part. The best number of laps in 30mins for the boys was 26 while girls topped this with 28 laps. What was wonderful to see was children who were so enthusiastic that some of them swam with floats or arm-bands. The money raised is in excess of £400.

**More events are planned so please watch this space and come support us!!!**

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