



JUGNU BHANGRA

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Welcome to the Vaisakhi 2013 Edition of Jugnu Bhangra Group's Newsletter

Jugnu Bhangra Group wishes everyone a Very Happy Vaisakhi. This year Jugnu have risen to new heights by taking the stage at many national and international events, as well as entertaining with style to make it a special day for people celebrating weddings, birthdays and other occasions. Highlights include performances in Berlin and an international Fashion Show; in Chelmsford live on Sky TV for Essex v Lancashire cricket; "Zeeland meets the World" Festival in Holland; and welcoming the Olympic Flame to the Gurdwara in Gravesend with Dhols. Read all about these and other events inside this newsletter.



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Cricket at Chelmsford

Essex County Cricket Club, with Indian spin bowler Harbhajan Singh playing for them, asked Jugnu to help organize an Indian day during the Essex vs Lancashire match at Chelmsford. The match and performances by Jugnu were enjoyed by the crowd and broadcast live on Sky TV. Jugnu manager Amarjit Singh Kalsi and Shinde A1 were also given the opportunity to face a few balls bowled by Harbhajan Singh at the end of the match, an experience not to be forgotten!! Jugnu and Shinde A1 jointly sponsored the Man of the Match award.



Zeeland meets the World

Jugnu starred at this international festival at Sas van Gent, on the Dutch side of the Netherlands / Belgian border, in summer 2012. We were awarded the "Flying Dutchman" trophy for our spectacular stage shows, alongside groups from Colombia, Congo, Mongolia, Belgium and Netherlands. Our 25 dancers and musicians also visited a huge festival in the city of Gent in Belgium, where there were a million spectators and all sorts of 'world music'.

Big in Bulgaria

In July 2013 we have been invited to an international festival in Veliko Tarnovo, the ancient capital of Bulgaria. This will be our second visit to Veliko Tarnovo (previously in 2005) and third trip to festivals in Bulgaria. We found out to our surprise last time that their nightclubs often play Bhangra music – we intend to inspire them even more



Berlin Fashion: Floris van Bommel meets Jugnu Bhangra

In the summer of 2012, Floris van Bommel, a Dutch shoe maker invited Jugnu Bhangra to perform at the Bread & Butter fashion tradeshow that has about 600 exhibitors and top models from around the world in Berlin, Germany. However, rather than perform in the traditional costumes, Jugnu wowed the audiences kitted out in smart suits wearing Van Bommel shoes and sneakers. Dancer, Arvind Bodwal said: "This was my first International trip with Jugnu, and it was one of the best dancing experiences I have had, especially performing in a suit and shoes. I enjoyed the buzz and thrill of performing in front of thousands of people, and I would like to do it again!"

Not dressed in traditional costumes, Jugnu mingled into the crowd for a reason. Performances were done in a flash mob style at different parts of the venue that gave audiences a big surprise. Jugnu also hit front pages of the German newspapers time and time again throughout the week. You can see videos of Jugnu at Bread & Butter by visiting youtube.com/jugnubhangra.



Olympic Torch visit to Gurdwara

2012 was the year that the Olympic Games came to London, and the Olympic Torch came to Gravesend a week before the Opening Ceremony. The Olympic Flame was welcomed to the Gurdwara in Gravesend to the sounds of Dhols played by Jugnu Bhangra Group and 4 x 4 Bhangra Group, working together for the first time. After the flame was passed from one runner to the next in front of the Gurdwara entrance, the Olympic Torch procession left the Gurdwara complex to the sounds of Dhols again.



Vaisakhi 2012

As always, Jugnu played a major part in Gravesend's Vaisakhi celebrations. Jugnu members young and old took part in the Nagar Kirtan, entertaining the local crowds as they passed them. We were joined by children from local schools on the colourfully decorated lorry, which was the largest in the whole procession. Jugnu were also joined by Centenarian marathon runner Fauja Singh, who decided to ride on Jugnu's rickshaw for part of the time. Fauja Singh also came to support us at the Chelmsford Cricket Match and has been an inspiration to young Jugnus.



Times and dates for practice at Studio

Sundays:	5.30 – 6.30pm	Junior Team Bhangra
	6.30 – 8.00pm	Senior Team Bhangra
Mondays:	6.30 – 8.00pm	Girls Bhangra
Wednesdays:	6.15 – 7.15pm	Dhol Class
	7.15 – 8.00pm	Young Children Bhangra
	8.00 – 9.00pm	Ladies Keep Fit Bhangra