

# Jugnu Bhangra

*Newsletter*



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This is the Newsletter of the Jugnu Bhangra Group to keep our Members, Parents and Funders up to date with our progress. Jugnu are Kent's premier Punjabi dance group. Our base is "THE STUDIO" Community Arts Centre, Holy Trinity School, Trinity Road, Gravesend.

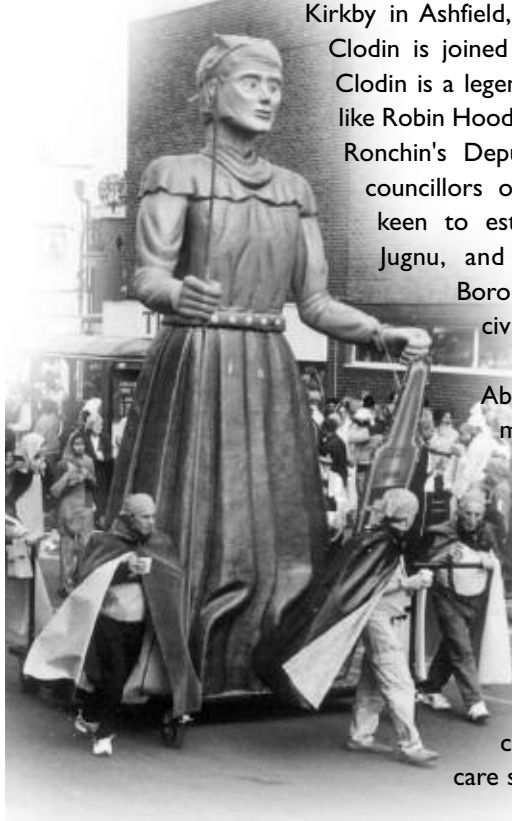
## JUGNU & the GIANTS

Jugnu Bhangra Group's participation in this year's VAISAKHI festival procession (Saturday 15th April) will be bigger than ever!

Leading our contingent will be two folklore GIANTS from Ronchin in Northern France; followed by our 'A', 'B' & 'C' Dance groups, Dhol group and this year we welcome children from Wrotham Road School who will be joining us.

The tallest (20') giant "Clodin", paraded with us at Vaisakhi two years ago - together with a group of six seater pedallo cyclists, who were on a sponsored bike ride from their town, near Lille to Ronchin's twin town

Kirkby in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire. This time, Clodin is joined by his giant wife "Barbara". Clodin is a legendary woodsman - a little bit like Robin Hood. They will be accompanied by Ronchin's Deputy Mayor and seven town councillors or Council officials who are keen to establish youth exchanges. So Jugnu, and our partners Gravesham Borough Council, will host this civic visit.



About 10 years ago, Jugnu's tour manager, Keith Wyncoll was invited to speak at a European conference in Brussels about how he and Shaminder Bedi had established the Guru Nanak & Milan day care centres for Asian older people and the importance of considering cultural identity in designing care services.

The organiser of this European Social Action Network conference was Frances Zielinski - probably the only English woman to become a French politician! She and her husband are both town councillors in Ronchin.

If you are in Gravesend late on Friday night, 14th April - you might just see two French camper vans, each towing a sleeping giant - please make them welcome.

## PRESENTATION EVENING

Please put 7-9pm, Friday 21 April, 2006 in your diaries - and invite your family to join us at 'The Holy Trinity School hall' (not The Studio) for Jugnu's 1st Presentation Evening. We will project the Vaisakhi pictures, all of Jugnu's teams will perform and there might be a surprise item or two! Certificates will be presented to all who have helped the group to progress over the past year.



Shaminder Bedi (Jugnu vice chairman) receives his MBE medal from Prince Charles (Nov 05)

### ANOTHER FRENCH CONNECTION

Jugnu has been invited to perform at the Calais International Parade 23-25 June, 2006. In "Jugnu News 1", we told you that we are 'BIG IN BULGARIA'.

Calais Council must think that we are 'FANTASTIC IN FRANCE', as this will be our 4th visit. Their International Parade is a spectacular event. Jugnu have been invited to bring 30 performers - including our new 'D' team of DANCING MUMS!

### TRANSYLVANIA NEXT

Our main festival trip this year will be to Dracula's country! The 'A' team will fly to Cluj-Napoca, home of the Cheeky Girls and then on to weird and wonderful Transylvania, in northern Romania. Jugnu's Indy Sandhu & Keith Wyncoll visited the Bistrita Festival in 1998 and performed at Dracula's castle - watch your necks boys!

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Jugnu star at Veliko Tarnovo International Festival, Bulgaria – Join Jugnu and see the world!

# JUGNU CELEBRATES VAISAKHI



Jugnu members, young and old, will celebrate Vaisakhi with the guest folklore "Giant" from Rochin, France, hosted jointly by Jugnu and Gravesham Borough Council.

# Jugnu's junior dholis/dancers



As you are aware **Dhol Classes** are on **Mondays** from **6.45pm - 8pm** and **Bhangra classes** are on **Thursday's** as follows:

- Team C - 6.45pm - 7.30pm**
- Team B - 7.30pm - 8.15pm**
- Team A - 8.30pm - 9.30pm (During school/uni. breaks) or on Fridays at 6.45 - 8.45pm (term time).**

**NEW STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN AT ANY TIME**  
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## Vaisakhi Word search



Whoever returns the Word search back to Jazz with all the words found first, there will be a small prize given...so hurry!!! (this only applies to Jugnu members). **WELL DONE to Gurchaten Singh from winning the last Word search.**

Vaisakhi / Kara / Karpan / Kesh / Kachera / Kangha / Khanda / Guru / Panj Pyare / Sikh / Vaheguru / Gurdwara / Singh / Kaur / Amrit  
 Word search made by Shampy & Dipz

Each issue we will select 3 students from our dhol or dance classes who have worked hard from the previous newsletter.

### student file.....



**Dhannjit - dhol/dancer**

How long have you been a Jugnu member  
 9 years.  
 Your best moments so far  
 After my first dance I had a large Doner Kabab..joke...It has to be performing in front of HRH Queen 2 years ago  
 What do you prefer playing the dhol or being a dancer  
 dhol  
 What football team do you support  
 Man Utd



**Rav-dancer**

How long have you been a Jugnu member  
 3 years  
 Your best moments so far  
 Went to France with jugnu for my first Bhangra performance  
 What's your 2 favourite hobbies  
 Football and Bhangra of course  
 What football team do you support  
 Arsenal



**Harkirat - dancer**

How long have you been a Jugnu member  
 2 years  
 what do you like about dancing  
 I get to show off my dancing skills in front of my family and friends  
 Your favourite Bhangra band  
 It has to be Jazzy B  
 What football team do you support  
 Chelsea



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