



Jugnu Bhangra News 9



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This is the newsletter of the Jugnu Bhangra Group to keep our members, parents & funders up to date with our progress.

A year of great accomplishments



This past year Jugnu has made great accomplishments and reached exciting new milestones.

2010 will see Jugnu celebrating 40 years of excellence. So as we prepare to celebrate our anniversary with all our friends and families, we look back and reflect on another successful year.

In 2009 Jugnu were involved in breaking TWO Guinness World Records. We made new friends and learnt new skills during our tour of Cork in the summer. The group made strong links with BBC Studios and our very own long serving dance choreographer Surinder Dhinsa was presented with an award for his "contribution to Kent life".



Jugnu travelled to Birmingham twice this year to participate in the breaking of **two Guinness World Records**.

Our dholis, from beginners to advanced, were part of 632 Dhol Players drumming together for 13 minutes. Everyone enjoyed the day and it was great to see some of our younger dhol players be a part of such an historic event.

Then a few weeks later, our senior Jugnu dancers joined other major teams from around the country, as well as some very eager members of the public, to form the worlds largest Bhangra group. The weather was stunning and the air full of excitement as we set a new world record with 857 dancers performing together for 12 minutes.

Our Dance Master Surinder Dhinsa was awarded a **BME (Black & minority ethnic) Achievement Award** by Kent County Council in recognition of his 24 years of voluntary work with Jugnu. He teaches bhangra unpaid 4 nights a week and also gives up his weekends and evenings to lead the group at shows and summer festivals.

We are also delighted to share that Kent Youth Service have recognised our achievements with a Partnership Award.

17th April, 2010 will be the annual celebration of **Vaisakhi**. This year's festival promises to be very special, as it sees the opening of Gravesend's magnificent new **Gurdwara**. Jugnu offers our congratulations to the Sangat on this superb occasion.

Jugnu were pleased to work with **BBC TV** to make a new children's programme about Vaisakhi, as part of their "Let's Celebrate" series. This **special episode** will be shown on CBeebies on 26th March at 5:20pm,

and repeated on 19th April as part of a special Vaisakhi feature.

Jugnu also feature in a **new CBeebies** series coming to our screens, in a Bhangra-based episode of ZingZillas. This will be aired on 13th April at 5.15pm, and then again on 14th April at 8.00am

After last year's festival, Jugnu joined with the Asian Welfare Society to present a glass trophy to Len Vasler of LV Transport. They have provided lorries for our Vaisakhi floats for many years.

Jugnu's Showcase held on June 13th last year, proved another great success for the group. It was well attended by family and friends who enjoyed the many performances by our various groups. The evening allowed Jugnu to introduce its new elements such as the mixed CD routine and Girls Giddha, both of which were very well received and enjoyed.

40th ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

Jugnu are organising various events to celebrate this monumental year in the club's history. We shall be holding an **Akhand Path** at the new Gurdwara to give thanks for Jugnu's 40 years of ongoing success. Dates will be announced once they have been confirmed.

Following the Akhand Path, there will a party for Jugnu's **Junior Members**, with many fun activities for the whole family.

And finally, we will be holding our **40th Birthday Party** at Woodville Halls, Gravesend later in the year. This will be a private function, by invitation only, for past and present senior members.

PS. A special edition of **Jugnu News** will be produced later in the year, to depict and celebrate those who have been part of 40 years of excellence.



Damhsa International Festival

Following successful tours of Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, and Portugal, the summer of 2009 saw Jugnu grace Irish stages to perform at the Damhsa International Festival.

The festival was the second international visit where both the girls and boys teams collaborated together. For some it was their first international experience with the group. Senior group member Amrik Kalsi states that "performing abroad in front of those who have never seen bhangra is a gentle reminder of how rich our culture is and motivates us to achieve more".

A total of 20 dancers travelled to Cork to perform alongside teams from Canada, Russia, the Philippines and numerous national Irish groups. The trip also saw Jugnu perform on Irish national television.

International Manager, Keith Wyncoll concluded that this was "yet another successful trip to add to our international profile, in time for our 40th anniversary celebrations due to take place throughout 2010".

FREE Dhol/Bhangra Classes

Dhol Classes are on Sundays from 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Bhangra classes are on Thursdays as follows:

Team D - 6.30pm - 7.15pm

Team C - 7.15pm - 8pm

Team B - 8pm - 9pm

JUGNI Ladies Bhangra Classes are on Wednesdays:

Beginners - 6.30pm - 7.15pm

Seniors - 7.15pm - 8.00pm

NEW STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN AT ANY TIME

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