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Shasters of Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji

The Sangat to London were blessed to have darshan of the shasters of Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji, and their brave general Baba Bidhi Chand Ji.



The 12th Jaan Sheen (direct descendent of Baba Bidhi Chand Ji) Jathedar Baba Avtar Singh Ji Sursingwale attended Park Avenue Gurdwara on the 28th of August. Sehaj Path Bhog took place, Baba Avtar Singh Ji did Katha along with Giani Sukhdev Singh from their Jatha.



The Sangat had Darshan of Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Jis Tegha (type of sword)

and Baba Bidhi Chand Jis Gowliar (type of sword).

History of Baba Bidhi Chand

Baba Bidhi Chand Jee came to the sanctuary of the 5th Guru, Satguru Sri Guru Arjan Dev Ji, at Amritsar Sahib. Guru Sahib gave them the teachings of Gurmat and blessed them with Sikhi. Baba Ji remained in the Seva of the Guru for the rest of their life and embodied a saintly personality. When Guru Arjan Dev Ji travelled to Lahore to attain martyrdom, Baba Ji was one of the five Gursikhs that accompanied them. After this Baba Bidhi Chand remained in the service of the 6th Guru, Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji, and attained the honor of becoming a general to all of Guru Ji's army.



The Parbandaks of SGSSS honoured Baba Ji with a Siropa, Dastaar and a Talwar. A recording of the diwan is available in the Gurdwara Facebook page.

Giani Avtar Singh Ji



With great sadness, Giani Avtar Singh who were a Granthi Sahib at Park Avenue Gurdwara passed away following a brief illness on the 30th of August. Giani Ji had been doing seva since 2015 and were originally from Govindwal Sahib.

Giani Ji will be dearly missed, and we pray Maharaj keeps Giani Ji in their charan. A Sehaj path bhog will take place on Saturday the 8th of August from 2.30pm onwards, followed by kirtan by Sant Anoop Singh Ji Una Sahib Wale (Brother in law of Giani Avtar Singh Ji).

Southall Summer Sikhi Camp

The annual Sikh Camp took place at Norwood Hall. Over 450 children attended throughout the week learning about Gurbani, our history, Gurmat and Sikhi. The Camp was organised by SGSSS, and run by sevadars. We are grateful to all those who helped make the camp such a success. It is critical we attach our children to Sikhi at a young age to save them from Kuljug.



The week-long camp gave the children a great opportunity to learn, ask questions, take part in seva and experience the greatness of Sikhi.



This year the theme was "Women in Sikh History" - focusing on the contributions of women to our panth, talks were held on Mai Bhago Ji, Bebe Nanaki, Mata Sunder Kaur, plus modern day inspirational Sikh women.

Videos and pictures of the camp are available on the gurdwara facebook page.



BoS kirtan and Katha

The sevadars of Basics of Sikhi held a katha and kirtan Darbar on the 19th of August till late. Countless Sangat of all ages attended and took part in the diwans and also langar seva.



Kaun Baega Gursikh Piyara

Following the success in India, Kaun Baega

Gursikh Piyara contest is coming to the UK. Gurbani is the foundation of a Sikh.

Without Gurbani there is no Sikh, keeping in mind the 550th Parkash of Dhan Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, Guru Nanak International Seva Charitable Trust, Guru Nanak Kirtan Council along with Sri Guru Singh Sabha will bring the contest to the UK later in 2018.



The contest consists of an examination on Sikh Rehat Maryada and history followed by a Gurbani Kunth Shudh ucharan (Oral correct pronunciation). Contest winners will receive tickets to visit Sri Darbar Sahib in India, were further awards will be given at Gurdwara Manji Sahib, Amritsar (opposite the Langar Sahib of Sri Harimandir Sahib)

Bhagat Puran Singh Ji's Barsi

On the 3rd of August, a Sri Akhand Path Sahib bhog took place to mark the 26th Barsi of Bhagat Puran Singh Ji. Bhagat Ji was a true inspiration who helped found the Pingalwara Society which has helped thousands over the years.



Bhagat Puran Singh, was born a Hindu, though he realised Sikhism via a simple observation. Whilst he was a child his family used to travel, from village to village. They took up residence in Mandirs (Hindu temples) and Gurdwaras (Sikh temples) in each village.

In the Mandir, the high-caste priest (Brahman) ordered him to clean the temple, whilst the priest ate food in front of him without offering any. Whilst in the Gurdwara, the priest (Giani) gave the boy (Puran Singh)

food without asking for anything in return. It is these subtle observations that changed his life.

SGSSS have a separate golak for Pingalwara donations, money raised during the barsi and from the golak was sent directly to the Pingalwara Society in India on the 26th of August. (c. £27k or 2,413,340 Indian Rupees via a bank transfer from SGSSS)

COMING UP IN 2018

- **Phela parkash Smagam** at Park Avenue on the 9th and 10th of September at Park Avenue
- **Finance meeting**- The second finance meeting of the year will take place on the 28th of Sept. Any Sangat member is welcome to attend, ask questions and make suggestions.
- **GM**- The **general body meeting** will take place in the coming weeks, notices will be placed in the Gurdwara with the final date
- **Lecture** on "1947: Exploring Sikh Dissatisfaction" on 14th Sept at 7pm Havelock Road
- **Nagar Kirtan** on 18th November



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