

## 1<sup>st</sup> OFFICE BEARERS' NEWSLETTER – Nov 2019

**PRESIDENT: RIZWAN RAHEMTULLA, SECRETARY: TBC, TREASURER: RAMZAN WALJI, VICE PRESIDENT: ABBAS MANJI, ASSISTANT SECRETARY: TBC, ASSISTANT TREASURER: IMTIAZALI BHIMANI**

### NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

Salaam-Alaikum my dear brothers and sisters.

I am honoured to have been elected as President of MKSI Peterborough for the term 2019-2021. It is indeed one of the greatest privileges to serve our living Imam (AJTF) in this capacity.

I will certainly do my best, with my pure intention to give justice to this important role and I pray that Allah SWT gives me the strength and Tawfiq to enable me to do so.

Peterborough Jamaat is a strong, united, thriving, professional community and it is from this position of strength that I intend for our community to be even more successful in our endeavours so that each of us gain the reward and satisfaction we crave in order to gain closeness to our Lord.

You will have read my manifesto that clearly outlines my Thematic Plan for this term. To meet the Plan will require the whole community's input, support and help. My expectation is that each and every member of our Jamaat will volunteer to be part of making the Plan come to fruition.

Finally, there are many personalities that have shaped me to become the person I am today. Many of those have left this transient world and I miss them dearly.

I request to all readers to please remember them and all our Marhum and Marhumeen by reciting a Surah Fateha for their Isaale Sawaab.

### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

We held our inaugural Management Committee Meeting on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019.

As it was our first meeting, the Chairlady and the Ladies' Treasurer were invited and their attendance was appreciated.

The meeting included a tour of the Al-Qaaem site which produced many positive comments. A challenge was set by the President to all members to raise a minimum of £100 towards the Al-Qaaem fund. We will report back how much we raised on our next Newsletter.

All members of the MC have now signed the HIC Confidentiality Agreement which means that we will not share any sensitive information outside of our meeting. Therefore, please be mindful of this if we are unable to share everything with you.

At the meeting, Abdulbhai Hirji was unanimously nominated by the MC to be our CoEJ Representative for this period (2019-2021).

Please note, that unless it is urgent (for example, a death), members are requested not to contact any members of the MC between the hours of 10pm and 8am.

### WORLD FEDERATION EXCO

WF's fifth and final Executive Council meeting for the term 2017-2020 commences on 1<sup>st</sup> November in Birmingham. To register your attendance, view the Agenda or find out more, copy and paste the following into your browser <http://lnk.wf/exco5>

### YOUNGSTERS' 60-SECOND PRESENTATION

We have introduced an initiative whereby youngsters deliver a 60-second presentation (on a topic of their choice) on all Khushali and Wafaat.

This was implemented in Ashre-Zainabiyya and we have received many positive comments from members.

The youngsters have done tremendously well and we are all very proud of them. May Allah SWT reward them, their parents and those who are mentoring them to do so well... Ameen.



### SHIA MATCH-MAKING EVENT

A Shia Matchmaking Event is being held at MKSI Birmingham on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November.

In previous years, the event has proven successful for members of our community. If anyone requires further information, about this particular event or future matrimonial services, please contact Sr. Mansura Rahemtulla on 07825 551400.



## ZAAKIR AND ZAAKIRA VISITS TO THE AL-QAAEM SITE

During the past month, we have taken the opportunity to show the Al-Qaaem site to the honourable reciters who came to recite in Peterborough.

We are indebted to them for their kind words of advice and support as well as for their many Du'as for a successful completion.



Sheikh Safdar Jaffer



Maulana Syed Mujahid Abbas



Zaakira Gule Zehra

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Please note the following upcoming events:

- **UN Children Services Day** – 5<sup>th</sup> November (Peterborough Cathedral)
- **WF Exco** – 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> November (Birmingham)
- **CoEJ AGM** – 3<sup>rd</sup> November (Birmingham)
- **Kaffan Workshop** – 29<sup>th</sup> November
- **PBS Meeting** – 21<sup>st</sup> November
- **Muslim Youth Helpline – Wellbeing Walk Meeting** – 24<sup>th</sup> November

## 'HUSSAIN INSIPRES' EVENT

The above event was organised by a few members of our community and took place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October. The aim was to highlight Imam Hussain (AS)'s message of justice and standing up against oppression and to show that his message is a humanitarian one.

The event was comprised of:

- The Wall of Hope - which the public were able to write a messages;
- The Hijab Stall - which the sisters gave the opportunity to the public to try on hijabs and take them away;
- Distributing leaflets as well as hot chocolate and muffins - which gave the opportunity to introduce Imam Hussain (AS) and his message to the public.

It was very well received and a good opportunity to promote the universal Islamic values which Imam Hussain (AS) taught us.



## RESIDENT ALIM TASKFORCE

As per the Action at the 2019 AGM, a Taskforce has been created to explore the options of finding a future Resident Alim.

The Taskforce falls under the responsibility and Leadership of the President (as per AGM mandate), however the Team will be headed by Br. Sarfaraz Mavani (who was unanimously nominated at the MC meeting – due to his knowledge and skills in this area).

Br. Sarfaraz will create his Team in consultation with members of the community. If you wish to support Sarfaraz, please feel free to contact him directly.

The list of members in the Taskforce will be provided on the next Newsletter.

## MILAD-UN-NABI PROGRAMME

This year, our Milad-Un-Nabi Programme will include an interactive quiz where we expect (and hope) all members will take part.

Members will be able to access the quiz via smartphones. Details of logging-on and instructions on how to participate in the quiz will be sent via e-mail and Watsapp to all members nearer the time.

Ice-cream will be available for under 14.

The purpose of the whole Programme is to entice more individuals to attend, to celebrate our Holy Prophet's birthday together and to help increase cohesiveness within our community.

## HIC WEBSITE

The Office Bearers have managed to secure the support of Br. Azeem Yusufali to develop our website. Azeem has been working closely with the Management Committee (especially Br. Hussein Dattoo) to ensure that the new website meets our requirements.

We are confident that between Br. Azeem and Br. Hussein, we will have an amazing website for all things related to HIC.

Insha'Allah, the website will be launched in January, so if you have any suggestions as to what you would like to see on the website (in addition to what is on there already), please e-mail our Secretariat with the subject heading 'HIC Website'.

## PBS MEETING

As per AGM Action Point, a PBS meeting will be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November

Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting, but non-members will attend in a capacity of observers only.

## CoEJ AGM



The Council of European Jamaats is holding its AGM on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November from 9am until 8pm at MKSI Birmingham.

Everyone is welcome to attend as Observers.

### BOOKING OF CENTRE

In order to provide a better service and to negate the number of phone calls and messages being received by the Secretariat late into the night and in the early hours of the morning, we are streamlining our booking process.

Therefore (with immediate effect), if you wish to book any areas of the Centre, please e-mail ([secretariat@mksipeterborough.org](mailto:secretariat@mksipeterborough.org)) with the wording 'Room Booking' in the Subject Heading.

The Secretariat will deal with your request and respond back to you within 72 hours of receiving your e-mail.

Please note that bookings will only be taken 3 months in advance.

### AL-QAAEM BUILDING UPDATE

The Al-Qaaem Project is going well with the anticipated completion of spring 2020.

The second fix on the heating and plumbing has been completed and all fresh water distributed throughout the Centre (existing and new) is being served via the Al-Qaaem site.

The second fix covering lighting, security, CCTV, AV/ Audio & ICT is now complete.

The wall tiling in the new toilets has been completed and the installation of the floor tiles will commence shortly.

We are anticipating that the lift will be commissioned in November which is another major achievement.

The Islamic wall tiles (in the ladies entrance) is also complete.



ICT Room



Ladies Entrance



Theatre Room



Dome



Stairs being built



Dome at sunset

## THE 2019-2021 TEAM

### OFFICE BEARERS

#### President

Rizwan Raheemtulla

#### Vice President

Abbas Manji

#### Secretary

Iqbal Manji (Temp)

#### Assistant Secretary

TBC

#### Treasurer

Ramzan Walji

#### Assistant Treasurer

Imtiazali Bhimani

### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

#### Immediate Past President

Salim Rehmatullah

#### Education

Maisam Husseinaly Damani

#### English Lecture & Youth

Sarfaraz Mavani

#### Health & Medical

Dr. Mohamed Othman

#### HVC/ Kitchen

Shokat Bhalwani

#### IT/ Communications

Hussein Dattoo

#### Madrasah Liaison

Abisali Ebrahim

#### Maintenance

Mohamedjaffer Jagani

#### Projects Co-ordinator

Zahra Jaffer-Ratansi

#### Shia Sports

Sibtain Damji

#### Welfare

Abdul Hirji

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To seek the pleasure of Allah (SWT) by serving the religious, cultural, educational and spiritual needs of our community.

### OUR CORE VALUES

Equality, Transparency, Respect, Honesty, Trust, Integrity & Dignity.