



# NAMASKAR!

Newsletter January 2024

## Celebrating Pongal!!

As a community we will celebrate our 4 day harvest festival ( 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>January) in our Mandir at Scunthorpe.

Pongal has been mentioned in the Sangam era 300 BC. Pongal festival is a gift to the world from Tamil Nadu.

The iconic dish is of rice, lentils and jaggery cooked in a pot over a fire.

Rice represents prosperity, lentils for strength and jaggery for sweetness.

**First day is Bhogi Pongal** which is a day of cleaning, discarding old things and making way for the new.

**Second day is Surya Pongal**, day of feasting and offerings to Surya the sun God.

**Third day is Mattu Pongal**, is a day for cattle worship and enjoying.

**Fourth day is Kaanum Pongal**, a day for visiting friends and family.

We will be doing all of this in 1 day on

Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> of January 2024

Bottesford Village Hall

4 pm to 6 pm.

Puja and Prasad is kindly by Poorva ji, Kavita ji, Hemadri ji and Dhanshekhar ji.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **PUJA**

14<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Sunday 4 pm to 6 pm

**Pongal, Bihu, Uttrayan, Lohri and Makar Sankranti.**

**Many names But One Festival!**

**17<sup>th</sup> February Saturday**

4 pm to 6 pm

**24<sup>th</sup> March Sunday is Holi Celebrations and Puja**

4 pm to 7 pm

Pandit Jitesh ji who we known will be doing the puja.

Prasad is by Preeti ji and Hardik ji

**13<sup>th</sup> April Saturday 4 pm to 7 pm we will celebrate Ram Navami.**

Prabhu ji from the ISKON Mandir in Leicester will kindly come and join us in the puja.

Namaste!

Sanjiv Nand

Scunthorpe Mandir Trust

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