

BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Sanstha Neasden Temple, North-West London



Organised by Public Affairs & Education Team

Tuesday 20th May 2025

Members £45 Non-Members welcome £47.50
to include travel, entrance, lunch
with time for shopping in the Shayona Shop



**Travel is by coach
with pick-ups at Boston, Sleaford & Bourne**

BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir is a Hindu temple in Neasden, London. It was hand carved in India before being assembled in London. Built entirely using traditional methods and materials, the Swaminarayan mandir has been described as Britain's first authentic Hindu temple.

Our visit will include the '**Arti Ceremony**' - an ancient Hindu offering made by waving lighted wicks before the sacred images to the accompaniment of a musical prayer. Many visitors have described the experience as awe-inspiring. Entry into the Mandir is through the **Haveli** - the wooden building adjacent to the stone temple. Be sure to take in the exquisitely carved wooden balcony, columns, and struts of the portico as you climb the steps. The heart of BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir is the **Maha-Mandap** ('Great Hall', or sanctum) found on the upper floor of the stone temple. Here, too, take some time to appreciate the intricate carvings of the marble columns, arches, ceilings and, of course, the exquisite cantilever dome. Entrance to the permanent exhibition: **Understanding Hinduism** which is spread over 3,000 square feet on the lower floor of the Mandir just opposite the Abhishek Mandap. Using 3D displays and traditional craftwork, it provides a valuable insight into the origin, beliefs, and values of Hinduism.

We will complete our visit with a meal at the delightful **Shayona** restaurant. With traditional Indian décor and mouth-watering vegetarian cuisine, it is the perfect way to experience some authentic tastes of India with plenty of choice from two starters, four curries, dal & rice, naan & roti, farfar, raita, two types of chutney, salad, mint salad and a dessert. There will be time to visit the shop before making the journey home

Closing date for entries: **Sunday 13th April 2025**

Application Forms will be with your WI's Secretary
A ballot will take place if this event is oversubscribed

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NAME OF WI CONTACT.....

PHONE NUMBER EMAIL.....

Name of Attendee BLOCK CAPITALS	Contact Phone Number Home/Mobile	Preferred pick up	Member/Non member

Please note that a strict dress code operates within the complex. Specifically, tops must cover the shoulders, chest, navel, and upper arms. Legwear must be at least below knee-length.

Application forms should be returned either by post to WI Office, Pattinson House, Oak Park, East Road, Sleaford NG34 7EG or by email to events@lsfwi.org.uk with **PA&E RPF** as the subject plus the name of the WI as the reference to arrive no later than **Sunday 5th May 2024**.

BACS is the preferred payment method but **DO NOT make a BACS Payment until the application is confirmed**. Once applications are confirmed payment details will be sent out and payment must be made **within 7 days**

Cheque payment to be made payable to LSFWI and posted to the office address to arrive no later than **Sunday 5th May 2024**

Please note: Cancellations made by applicants up to **5 days before the Closing Date** will not be charged but, **cancellations made after that time must still be paid for**. If an event or trip is over-subscribed, a ballot for tickets will take place. Any cheques received where a place is not allocated will be destroyed.