



Every Day a Festival

Slide Show Presentation - by Minaketanarama Dasa

The Hare Krishna Centre in Leicester saw a long expected visit by Minaketanarama Prabhupada from ISKCON Bristol. Minaketanarama is well known for his slide shows and his enthusiastic kirtans. Devotees have in the past experienced several of Minaketanarama Prabhupada's presentations at Leicester's Thoresby Street Temple on topics such as 'A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land of Vrindavan' and 'Lord Caitanya's Jagannatha Puri'.

Minaketanarama Prabhupada runs a successful Centre in Bristol, where he and his wife Gandharvika d.d. have been preaching for many years. His Bristol Centre is officially affiliated with Parasurama's London based 'Food for All' charity, ISKCON's well established prasadam (food) distribution agency in the UK.

Devotees from the Hare Krishna Centre have a long standing relationship with the Bristol *yatra*. They were present at the ecstatic opening of its Centre in June 2005 and the historical Harinama in the City Centre.

The slide show presentation at the Hare Krishna Centre was well advertised and a great number of devotees, guests and students from the nearby University turned up for the event.

The Centre sees an increased influx of students due to its 'Food for Life' activities at the campus. The temple room was full and the atmosphere was loaded with enthusiastic expectation.

After performing the Gaura Arati to Their Lordships Sri Sri Nitai Saci-Sundar devotees engaged in the 'Pushpanjali Ceremony in honour of the appearance of His Divine Grace Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Goswami Maharaja Prabhupada, the spiritual preceptor of Srila Prabhupada.

The slide show featured spiritual festivals throughout the UK. Devotees were able to see footage of the Rainbow Festival, The Green Gathering, the Krishna Camp, various Ratha Yatra festivals and much more.



Minaketanarama Prabhupada leads the Gaura Arati

Srila Prabhupada says in this connection: "In this age of Kali the simple performance of *sankirtana-yajna* - the holding of festivals as initiated by the International Society for Krishna Consciousness - should be introduced in every town and

village." Festivals are a wonderful way of spreading Krishna Consciousness as everybody likes to take part in festivals and chant, dance, take prasadam and associate with like minded people.

When the slide presentation arrived at the pictures from various Ratha Yatra festivals in the UK Minaketanarama Prabhupada spontaneously broke into a kirtan chanting *Jaya Jagannatha*. Everyone joined the kirtan with great enthusiasm.

After the wonderful and inspiring slide show devotees respected Krishna prasadam, which had been offered to the presiding deities at the Hare Krishna Centre, Sri Sri Nitai Saci-Sundar and Sri Giri-Govardhana.

The prasadam arrangements were wonderful and everyone enjoyed the Lord's mercy to their heart's content; in fact it was a practical demonstration of Lord Caitanya's blissful process of dancing, chanting and feasting.

"In this age Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu has kindly presented a sublime process that will attract all sincere people to come to the point of surrendering to the Lord. By following Lord Caitanya's blissful process of chanting, dancing, feasting and discussing spiritual philosophy, anyone can easily go back home, back to Godhead, for an eternal life of bliss and knowledge."

Thanks to Minaketanarama Prabhupada, devotees, guests and friends of the Hare Krishna Centre celebrated another blissful day of *Vaishnava Sanga* which gave everyone renewed inspiration on the path of devotional service.



Harinama in Bristol's City Centre

