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National Festival

National Festival Cover Story - A Change of Time II

REMEMBER, remember, the first of November - 2002. A date to put in your diary, my friend, as the Spa Complex in Scarborough once again plays host to a plethora of glittering stars that are doing their best to guide the world in its search for the Most Great Peace.

From Teaching Conference to National Conference and now National Festival this autumnal event, that has seen the friends gather from all corners of the UK with a supporting cast from all over the world is, once again, soon upon us. Well, perhaps not so soon, but we, the Festival Team would like to take this opportunity to let you know that the Festival, this year called "A Change of Time II" promises to be bigger and better than ever before.

As the years have gone by, not only the name, but the nature of the event has changed and this year the purpose of the Festival is threefold.

1. A Festival that will make you feel good about being you.
2. An atmosphere in which to mix and mingle with old friends and make new ones.
3. A weekend to which friends of the Faith can come and taste of the spirit of love, unity and hope we have to offer the world.

We can't say too much about the programme at this stage as we're still in the process of refining the details, but suffice to say, there will be a superb blend of artistic performances, inspirational talks and quite divine devotionals with a sprinkling of laughter and a dash of encouragement.

The above, of course, will not be possible without your help and therefore, there are a number things we would like to ask of you:

- o Turn up
- o Bring your friends
- o Send us photographs

We are looking to capture a photograph (head and

So Near, So Spa

By the sea and far from me
There stands a building
We're renting for free
And I know one day
Some time in November
There'll be a Festival
One to remember

A celebration of you and me
The strength of our diversity
Let's have a round of applause
For all our efforts to serve The Cause

Fish and chips
Candyfloss and ships
A play, a song
A feeling we belong

Children, youth, adults and elders
All gathered together
Under a single umbrella
The children of God
Bahá'í in name, in spirit or not
Working together for the love of the lot

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shoulders) of every Bahá'í in the UK for a little audio-visual treat. Please email individual digital photos of you, your family, friends and community to sam@sabzi.org.uk.

As time goes by we'll be in touch and will no doubt be asking for more help. Updates will be posted on NEWS and our website <http://www.bahai.org.uk/nationalfestival2002/> as well as further articles in this fine publication. In the meantime, on the right is a little poem to keep you entertained (please don't take this as an example of the standard of artistic presentations for the festival.)



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