



# Darji voice



## Membership Project



As you may be aware last year we held a number of functions, and accomplished one long overdue project; the new Darji Directory. With all our ventures and projects, we would like to think, we have made a difference to the 'Your Community, Our Community, The Darji Community'.

It has been very pleasing and rewarding to see more younger community members engaging in our events. The youth are not only taking part but actually enjoying, and participating with the diversity of ages involved at many of our functions. We have had continuous

feedback on areas that they would like to encourage other youths and empower them with what the Darji community can offer them.

All of what has been achieved to date could not have been accomplished without the support of the community and those of you who are annual and life members who have continuously attended our functions.

As you are all aware our annual membership runs from the period 1st April - 31st March – we would like to remind those of you who are NOT life members but annual members and between the ages of 18 years and 60 years (65 years for men) to **please renew your membership**.

This year we would like to make it easier for all to enrol as annual members by registering through the website. Once your application has been processed, a membership card will be issued and sent to your address. These cards will allow you to enjoy 'members discounts' at events and provide an easier route for administration and registering attendees at these events.

For full information on how to enrol, please visit our website: [www.darjmandal.org.uk/membership](http://www.darjmandal.org.uk/membership) and follow the instructions. Please ensure you provide the relevant details. Look out for your card in the post!

Remember those of you who are NOT members will have to pay full price. We currently offer FREE entry to the following events: Bhajans, over 60s party, Diwali Party, and our infamous Children's Party but moving forward, the Mandal would like to offer discounts for 'Members Only' and for those who are NOT a nominal fee will be requested. So hurry and become a member - fill in the form below and return the slip to Mahesh Chikhalia.

Once registered, look out for your membership card.

Please return the completed slip with a cheque payable to 'Darji Mandal' to Mahesh Chikhalia at 5 Whistler Gardens, Edgware, Middlesex, HA8 5TU. Or alternatively, you can register details on our website at [www.darjmandal.org.uk/membership](http://www.darjmandal.org.uk/membership).

Annual Membership Renewal at **£5.00** per person.

Address - House/Street \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ City/County \_\_\_\_\_

Post Code \_\_\_\_\_ Home Tel \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name	DoB - dd/mm/yyyy	Email

Darji Mitra Mandal of the UK

DMMUK

Welcome to the second edition of the Darji Voice. In this edition we will give you an update on our past and forth coming events. A new section on community news has been added, allowing us to share and celebrate successes and achievements. We would also like to remember those we have sadly lost this year.

Since our last communication, our Annual General Meeting was held on 11th March listed below is our newly elected team.

The new team comprises of a blend of existing committee members and some welcomed new faces. We have a well balanced team of diverse skills and experience which will provide continuity and new fresh ideas.

### Executive Team

<b>President</b>	Pankaj Natwarlal Tailor	<b>07776 454 400</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	Pravin Morar Jivan	<b>07951 850 727</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	Minaxi Jayanti Tailor	<b>07957 476 711</b>
<b>Joint Secretary</b>	Amish Dinesh Chikhliia	<b>07946 538 690</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	Shila Tailor	<b>07956 401 599</b>
<b>Joint Treasurer</b>	Dilip Dayabhai Tailor	<b>07801 817 272</b>
<b>Joint Treasurer</b>	Ashok Chhotubhai Tailor	<b>07956 269 575</b>
<b>Senior Public Relations Officer</b>	Thakor B. Bhagat	<b>07973 210 799</b>

### Committee Members

**Pradip T Chikhliia**  
**Rik Tailor**  
**Sumitra D Tailor**  
**Umesh Tailor**  
**Gulabdas Fakirbhai**  
**Amit Bhagalia**

**Nareshbhai T Chikhliia**  
**Daulat I Tailor**  
**Shantilal G Tailor**  
**Bipin C Tailor**  
**Deepa J Tailor**  
**Jayanti Degamia**

**Mahesh Chikhliia**  
**Mala V Tailor**  
**Sunil R Tailor**  
**Mukesh Kapadia**  
**Hasmuk Bhika**  
**Iswar Gosai**

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all past committee and voluntary members for all their support, hard work and wish them the very best for the future and would like to acknowledge the continued and invaluable support by all our current volunteers.

This year, the team's focus will be to build on the foundation of the past committee and continue to centre on listening to the needs of our community.

- We will maintain the high standard set for our annual events, build credibility through transparency and hard work, to reach to the wider community and deliver on the social agenda.
- We will focus on extending our events and projects to increase coverage across the whole community, extending to the full range of age groups.
- We will deliver key projects to help enable us to upgrade The Darji Pavilion to make it more marketable and meet the increased demand it has had.
- We are looking to seek external funding to fund these larger projects through the various grant authorities.

## Past events

### Loan Bearers Meeting (25th February)

The Mandal borrowed from the community to assist with the construction of our hall.

We would like to thank ALL the loan bearers for their patience and cooperation whilst waiting for repayment. With our sound financial footing, we felt it was the appropriate time to consult with the loan bearers. The meeting was a success and we are pleased with the feedback, support and guidance we were given, majority of the loan bearers converted their outstanding loans to donations, helping the Mandal to continue build on its financial footing and continue to build the Pavillion.



### Celebrating Holi with a little colour! (2nd March)

What a colourful and fun evening. The Friday Club was transformed into a sea of colours, with everyone taking part in the fun!

### Charity Fashion Show for Great Ormond Street Hospital [GOSH] (24th March)

A well received event, with outstanding feedback, a staggering £5,000 was raised for GOSH. The night would not have been a success without the incredible generosity of donations. A huge thank you to Dipa Sanjay Tailor and all those who took part in making the evening a sensational night.



### Easter Dhamaka (7th April)

An event which was organised within 14 days where many had doubts on its victory – however, another over subscribed evening enjoyed by all.

## Forthcoming events

### Friday Clubs: First Friday of Every Month

(next one 1st June) Time: 7:30pm - Late

Music, games, great food and drinks at affordable prices. Variety of entertainment for all the family. Please email your interest on [info@darjimandal.org.uk](mailto:info@darjimandal.org.uk) or contact **Nareshbhai** on **07801 720 507** or **Pravinbhai 07951 850 727**

### Over 60's Get Together and Lunch:

**Sunday 3rd June** Time: 1pm - 6pm Lunch at 3pm

A free Sunday afternoon lunch for all our respected elderly over the age of 60 years old. This is an opportunity to show our gratitude to our parents and grandparents for all the unlimited and unconditional love they have shown us all. Enclosed is a leaflet which we have translated in Gujarati – please complete it or call the contacts to confirm your attendance.

### Launch of Darji Youth: Saturday 14th July

Time: 8pm till 2am Venue: Fine Line, Monument ([www.thefineline.co.uk/monument.htm](http://www.thefineline.co.uk/monument.htm)) Entrance £8 in advance,

Contact: **Rik Tailor** on **07957636581**, **Sunil Tailor** on **07984 428 715**, **Jay C Tailor** on **07946 012 399** or **Deepa J Tailor** on **07932 781 145**

A Central London venue to launch our Darji Youth forum in style. After many dormant years we plan to kick start the project with a bang! Over the coming months. events such as Ten Pin Bowling, Camping and an Alton Towers trip will be organised. Watch this space on our website for further updates [www.darjimandal.org.uk](http://www.darjimandal.org.uk) .

### Day Trip to Great Yarmouth: Sunday 5th August

Time: Coach depart, from Darji Pavilion 8.00 am and return 9.00 pm.

Join us on this family trip to the coast town on the county of Norfolk. This will be an entertaining day out for all ages. For further information and tickets, please contact **Shila Tailor** on **07956 401 599** or **Amish Chikhli** on **07946 538 690** or email us at [info@darjimandal.org.uk](mailto:info@darjimandal.org.uk) .

### Bhajans to commemorate the month of

**Shravan: 19th August** Time: 4.00 – 8.00 pm

The month of Shravan is the fifth month of the Hindu calendar and is the most auspicious month, so join us for delightful bhajans. Light refreshments will be provided. Please contact any of the committee members for further details.

## Forthcoming Events continued

### Darji Kids Fun Day – August 27th

Time: 12.00 – 8.00 pm

An event to engage and educate our children (mainly under 12s). The day will have Mini Fun Fairs rides, Bouncy Castle, Sporting games, food, retail and educational stalls. Please contact **Shila Tailor, Pankaj Tailor, Pravin Jivan, Amish Chikhli, Ashok Tailor** on contact details provided or email your interest to [info@darjimandal.org.uk](mailto:info@darjimandal.org.uk).

**Sammellan: Update will be given in our next edition of Darji Voice, however we are working hard to provide the community with this event. Watch this space!**

## Community News

Please send items you wish to share with the rest of the community, this can be special achievements, memorial and birth messages. This is your newsletter.

DMMUK would like to extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to the families of the following Darji members who sadly passed away in 2007 (in London).

**Late Mr Gangaram Purshotam**, Wembley

**Late Mrs Revaben Rambhai Tailor**, Ashton Under Lyne (but Shanti Prathna was conducted at Darji Pavilion)

**Late Mr Maganbhai Vallabhai Tailor**, N11 who died at the grand age of 100 years

**Late Mrs Dahiben Gandabhai Tailor**, Colindale

**Late Mr Ambelal Trikambhai Kapadia**, Edmonton

**Late Mr Chimanbhai Bhikhabhai Tailor**, Wembley

**Late Mr Kishanlal Lallubhai Darji**, Camden Town

**Late Mr Chhotubhai Dullabh Bhagat**, Perivale

**Late Harishbha, Mohanbhai, Motiwala**, Waltham Cross

We would like to thank all those families who have given generous donations to the Mandal in memory of their loved ones.

Please contact Thakorbbhai Bhagat who will co-ordinate Shanti Prathna as and when there is has been bereavement within our community in London. This can either be conducted at the bereaved family home or at The Darji Pavilion. We will provide FREE, the usage of our hall for a period of 2 hours. All arrangements will be coordinated through Thakorbbhai. Moving forward we would like to add memorial messages and associated photos in this section for a small donation.

## Some successes...

**Matrimonial Event:** We are pleased to announce three marriages have been confirmed from our event held in 2006. If you know of any more - please let us know. The Darji Youth will be planning this year's singles event – information will be sent out soon.

**Haridwar Donations:** A number of Darji's donated last year to a collection by Mr Sharmaji. A total of £420 was raised for the Love & Kush Mandir in Haridwar and a room has been named after our community in the Mandir. This can be used by any DMMUK member and food will also be provided. Please contact **Naresh Chikhli** on **07801 720 507** for further information

**Darji Pavilion Project:** Air conditioning quotes have been received and approval will be obtained from the Management Committee in May. A tender will be sent for quotes on a new floor.

## Sponsor your Fellow Darji

**Jay Chandu Tailor** and his sister **Monica** will be raising money for British Heart Foundation. You can sponsor them by visiting [www.bhf.org.uk/sponsor/jaytailor](http://www.bhf.org.uk/sponsor/jaytailor)

**Minaxi J Tailor Tailor** is taking part in the 5K Race for life in aid of Cancer Research UK. You can sponsor her at [www.raceforlifesporsome.org](http://www.raceforlifesporsome.org) or if you would like to take part yourself you can walk or jog. or more information contact **Minaxi Tailor** on [mina.tailor@darjimandal.org.uk](mailto:mina.tailor@darjimandal.org.uk)

## Darji Directory

We still have a large number of directories remaining. If you have not collected your directory or would like extra copies please contact one of the EC members. We are now selling them at £5 per copy.