



# Darji voice

10th Edition

Darji Mitra Mandal of the UK

DMMUK

Dear Members,

With our deepest condolences we dedicate this edition of **Darji Voice** to **Sanmukhbhai Ratilal Tailor**. It is through sheer hard work of such members that our organisation stands where it is. Sanmukhbhai, who recently passed away, gave most of his life to promote and bond our community. We applaud his commitments and enthusiasm. Whilst serving this Mandal as **President for 18 years**, he and his team were able to purchase and develop what is now our **Darji Pavilion**; our biggest achievement today. Most of us would fondly remember him for the **Sammelans** he organised, his singing at the **Navratri** and his ability to get us all involved in the **aarti**. He also provided services during funerals for our community members. Amongst other things he will always be remembered for his motivating speeches.

Sanmukhbhai, his team and the previous committees have laid a strong foundation for our community with the purchase of the **Pavilion** and it is our duty to carry on binding the community, especially **the youth**.

Your participation is required to ensure we continue to develop our community relationship, and to put forward your views, we require your support at the forthcoming **AGM on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> of May 2010**.

**Pravin Jivan**  
**President**



## Sanmukhlal Ratilal Tailor

Affectionately known to many as **San**, **Sanmukhlal Ratilal Tailor** was born on **13<sup>th</sup> February 1941** in **Navsari, India**, to his parents **Mr Ratilal Vithal Tailor** and the **Late Mrs Lalitaben Ratilal Tailor**. He was the second eldest of 11 children. He had three brothers and seven sisters.

At the age of 5, he travelled with his mother to **Kenya** where they settled in **Nakuru**.

At school he wasted no time and very quickly became a diligent student with a passion for literacy and numeracy. In those days it wasn't uncommon for young children to work as well as attend school, and so he found himself helping his father in the tailoring business. Later he went on to college where he qualified as a book-keeper

He got his first proper job in 1955 at **British Locomotive** in **Nakuru**. Soon after, thanks to his father's connections, he managed to get a job with **Barclays Bank DCO** in **Thomson Falls** at the age of 19. After a further 4 years at the age of 23, in 1964 he was transferred to a senior post in **Nanyuki**.

This was to be a very significant year in his life because he met his wife to be, a very young **Miss Harigangaben Raghubhai Tailor** and in **May 1964** they got married in **Eldoret** on the day after his elder brother, **Late Natwarbhai Ratilal Tailor's** wedding in Nairobi. A year later, in July 1965, they were blessed with a daughter, **Aarti**, in Eldoret and four years later, in June 1969, with a son, **Nilesh**, in Nairobi.

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It was during the mass exodus from Kenya in what became known as “**The Ugandan Asian Crisis**”, in **1970**, Sanmukhbhai and his wife, along with their 2 children left **Kenya** behind to come to England, where they landed in **Southend-On-Sea**.

Sanmukhbhai was very fortunate in that he was able to keep his job with **Barclays** through a transfer program. He worked for **Barclays Bank PLC** in the City of London’s banking district.

Due to his great ability to read, write and speak English fluently, he was chosen to work at a **Re-settlement camp** in Honiton all the way down in Devon for a short period in **1972**. Here he helped in the re-settlement of **2,500 Indian immigrants from Kenya/Uganda**.

Sanmukhbhai, along with his wife and children lived in rented accommodation in **Hendon**, North West London which they shared with his elder brother The late **Natwarlal Ratilal Tailor** and his family. Later on the families were to move out of rented accommodation and in 1980, Sanmukhbhai finally bought his own house in **Wembley**, where he was to live for the rest of his life.

Meanwhile, he continued to work for the bank for another 11 years, after which time he chose to take an early retirement in 1991.

Life for Sanmukhbhai wasn’t just about the regular 9 to 5 routine. As many of us know only too well, he had great passion for **Sport** and **Music**. His favourite singers were **Mohamed Rafi and Mukesh**. He himself loved to sing, and many of you may have heard him sing some of their songs at various functions. He had a natural talent to engage with people from all backgrounds and ages. He had a great sense of humour and was very articulate. He was very forthright in sharing stories and jokes with anyone who found themselves in his company.

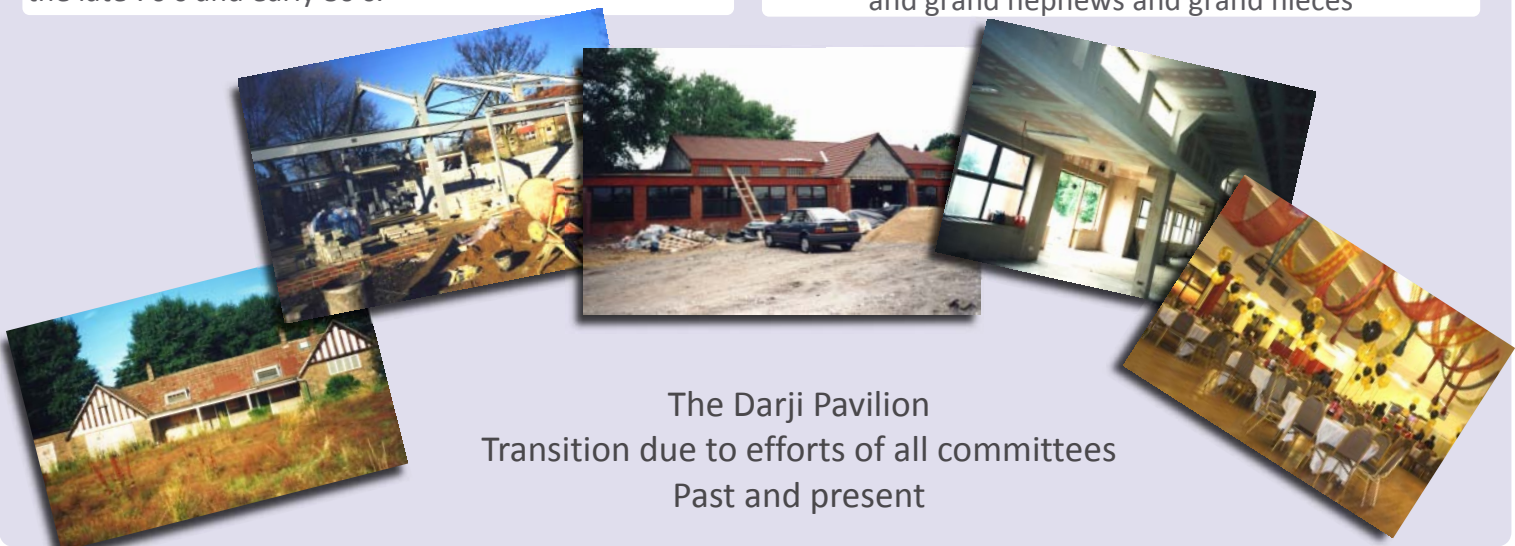
During the late 70’s Sanmukhbhai, along with some of his friends helped organise **Navratri festivals** at **Brondesbury High School in Kilburn**. He also found himself organising **Diwali Parties** for Bank Staff during the late 70’s and early 80’s.

Soon he was encouraged to bring his talents to the Darji community and in 1982, he started **singing garba** for us at **Finchley Manor Hill School** and we danced to his melodious voice for years to come. It was during these years of entertaining us that he was encouraged to become a committee member by **Dinkerbhai K Navsaria** and he did so without a second thought. It is well known that he didn’t just stop there. He then went on to become our Joint Secretary and then Secretary. Soon after that, in an unprecedented step, he became our **President AND Secretary** fulfilling both roles with such a passion. In his time as our President, we came to see and hear him present some great inspiring speeches at those wonderful **Diwali Sammelans in Dunstable, Luton**. Also during this period, he presided over our purchase of the **Darji Pavilion in North London, Palmers Green** and along with a team of only few, battled against the odds to complete the project so that we could finally make use of the building.

Later on, in **2005**, Sanmukhbhai became **quite ill** from an illness which we now know he never overcame. He was unable to walk due to vascular problems in his legs. This was further compounded in **2009**, when he suffered a series of minor heart attacks and in June he had his first major attack. Within a week, he had yet another major attack. He saw his family for the last time on the night of 12<sup>th</sup> February and in the early hours of his **69<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2010**, Sanmukhbhai passed away peacefully in his sleep.

He leaves behind

- His Father **Mr Ratilal Vithal Tailor** (Hendon, London UK)
- His Wife **Mrs Hariganga Sanmukhlal Tailor**
- 2 Children, **Arti Pradipkumar Tailor** and **Nilesh Sanmukhlal Tailor**, a son-in-law (**Pradipkumar Natwarlal Haribhai Tailor**) and daughter-in-law (**Mrs Rohini Nileshkumar Tailor**)
- **7 Grand Children**.
- **6 sisters & 2 brothers**, many nephew & nieces and grand nephews and grand nieces



The Darji Pavilion  
Transition due to efforts of all committees  
Past and present

**Audited Accounts** for the year ending **31/03/2009** have been submitted to the Companies House a brief summary of which is shown below. Full accounts for that year will be available on our **website [www.darjimandal.org.uk](http://www.darjimandal.org.uk)**. Accounts are also submitted to the **Charity Commission** and they can also be viewed on their **website**.

**[www.charity-commission.gov.uk](http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk)**

**Charity number 1036109**

Summary of audited accounts for the year	31/03/2009	31/03/2008
<b>Income</b>		
Hire of Darji Pavilion	60,495	60,640
Donations, members fees and Gift aid relief	14,825	11,855
Religious functions	8,303	10,200
Social functions	13,894	21,923
Others	2,608	1,260
	<b>100,125</b>	<b>105,878</b>
<b>Less: Expenses</b>		
Darji Pavilion interest and running costs	(45,087)	(39,615)
Management and administration	(12,776)	(11,737)
<b>Net profit for the year</b>	<b>42,262</b>	<b>54,526</b>
<b>Balance Sheet</b>		
<b>Assets</b>		
Fixed assets	647,944	643,066
Debtors	2,644	4,726
Cash at bank and in hand	108,932	88,863
	<b>759,520</b>	<b>736,655</b>
<b>Less: Liabilities</b>		
Bank loan	(219,275)	(231,453)
Members loans	(17,411)	(18,011)
Darji Pavilion deposits & rents received in advance	(16,100)	(11,260)
Other creditors and accruals	(3,296)	(14,755)
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>503,438</b>	<b>461,176</b>

## Your Community's Notice Board

*Congratulations to Shri Thakorbhai Chikhliya on becoming a great grandfather of Raiya (daughter of Rakhee and Rakesh) and Simran (daughter of Nicky and Hiten)*

*Congratulations to Reena and Aashish Rajni Chikhliya on arrival of their twins on 10th November 2009!*

*If you have any births, marriages, achievements etc to announce please write to us at [darjivoice@darjimandal.org.uk](mailto:darjivoice@darjimandal.org.uk)*

## Forthcoming Events

### Saturday 17th April 2010: Ladies Garba Nite

Listening to your feedback, and by great public demand, **DMMUK** are now proud to present its first **Ladies Garba Nite**. The date to note in your diaries is **Saturday, 17th April 2010**, from **7.30pm to 11.30 pm**.

The evening is all about catching up with friends old and new, and dancing the night away. So help us make our first ladies night a success by telling all your family and friends about this event. Get those new colourful **saris, ghagra-cholis, outfits** ready for a memorable night of swinging to our cultural dance of **garba** and **dandiya**.

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2010: Meat Party & AGM

Following on from the successful **Meat Party** held earlier this year, it is back by popular demand. We have combined this with our **Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2010 from 11.30 am**. Please put this important date in your diary now and book with us at **[events@darjimandal.org.uk](mailto:events@darjimandal.org.uk)** to avoid disappointment. (Please specify number of vegetarians and non-vegetarians attending)

The **AGM minutes, 31/3/2009 accounts and nomination form** can be found on **our website**, if you require copies of these on the day, please ensure you download and bring a copy with you.

To help shape the future of our community, please ensure you have your say whether that is by nominating people who can help the development of **DMMUK**, volunteering your services, or, by your participation and constructive feedback.

The **AGM** will commence at **11.30am** and the **Meat Party** will follow thereafter. As per the last party, we will be annotating vegetarians and non vegetarians by the colour of your purchased tickets. **The tickets will be £5.00 for adults and £3.00 for children.**

### Hall Manager required for the Darji Pavilion

We are seeking a part time **Hall Manager** to proactively promote our Hall. If you have **promotional, administrative and building maintenance skills** you will enjoy this position. Please email **[bharat.t.tailor@bt.com](mailto:bharat.t.tailor@bt.com)** for a job specification. Closing date **8th April 2010**

[events@darjimandal.org.uk](http://events@darjimandal.org.uk)

# In Loving Memory of Our Mother



## Late Mrs. Damyanti Bhupendra Narandas

Born in Rander, Surat: 18th November 1953

Passed Away in London: 25th January 2010

*Our mum will be desperately missed by everyone who knew her.*

*Without her our lives just feel empty. She held the Darji community and those within it very close to her heart. Even though she is not with us in person, her memory, spirit, and love will stay with us forever.*

From Children Yatish , Hemisha and Neemesh with support from husband Bhupendra Narandas



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## Website

We launched the new **DMMUK website** at the recent **Meat Party**. This is the first stage of a long term project, which will allow the community to interact by sharing **news, views, photos and comments**. It will be our preferred way of communicating our news and events with you constantly. So why not save this link [www.darjimandal.org.uk](http://www.darjimandal.org.uk) as your favourite and ensure we have your correct email address so you do not miss out any vital information about forthcoming events, weddings, personal achievements, feedback and community news. The **website** has lots of information, so be sure to browse the site and lets us have your views on what's good, bad and the ugly.

We have also established an emailing system, which we're using to remind everyone of the forthcoming events, and for sharing important community news. If you currently don't receive our emails but would like to, please send your full name (first, middle, & surname) to [directory@darjimandal.org.uk](mailto:directory@darjimandal.org.uk) So visit [www.darjimandal.org.uk](http://www.darjimandal.org.uk) and keep up to date with everything that is happening.

## Hina Surti's Charity World Challenge Borneo Trip

**Hina Surti** is undertaking a **Charity World Challenge** trip to **Borneo** in **July 2010**. As part of this challenge she needs to **raise £3,000** towards the trip.

As part of the expedition she will be **helping underprivileged children** who do not receive care and attention that they need, as they have been placed in an orphanage.

She will be in **Borneo** for three weeks where she will spend time with these children giving them the attention they deserve.

She will also be helping to enhance the building the orphanage children live in and creating a reading shelter for the children of particular village.

To raise funds she held a **Go Karting** event on 20th Feb 2010, if you would like to **make a donation** towards her trip please contact her via her email address or phone.

Email address: [Hina@surti.co.uk](mailto:Hina@surti.co.uk)

Phone number: **07957969614**

## And Don't Forget Our Marathon Man...

who has already run the recent **Roding Valley Half Marathon** in **under 3 hours**. At the **age of 54, Bharatbhai Tailor**, our secretary, is going to run the **26.6 mile Edinburgh Marathon** to help raise money for **DMMUK, Stroke Association and Cancer Research UK**. We thank everyone who have already shown their support by sponsoring him and **over £7,000** has been pledged already. **Bharatbhai** is continuing his training. We urge you to show your continued support by sponsoring **Bharatbhai**, contact him at [bharat.t.tailor@bt.com](mailto:bharat.t.tailor@bt.com) or on **0771 333 2968**.



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# In Loving Memory

Late Shri Pranjivandas Kalyan Tailor



27 Feb 1929 - 11 Feb 2010

## Mrs Nirmalaben Pranjivan Tailor

Children

Avinash Tailor & Daxa Tailor

Kiran Tailor & Champa Tailor

Mahendra Tailor & Sangita Tailor

Vasanti Master & Jiten J. Master

Grandchildren

Nalin & Louise Tailor  
Devina A. Tailor

Rekha Tailor  
Ajay Tailor  
Visha Tailor

Sita Tailor  
Roshan Tailor

Shaan Master  
Milan Master

Great Grand Daughter

Evelyn N. Tailor

# Did you miss out on these events?

## Children's Xmas Party



Santa!!



Fancy Dress Winners



Caught with the Parcel



Santa's Helpers

Pavilion Packed



## New Year's Eve



Party is on



Raffle Winner

## Valentines Friday Club



How much do you know about your partner?



Roses for loved ones raised money for the unfortunate in Haiti



## Meat Party

Over 300 attendees enjoyed a mouth watering lamb curry. Vegetarians were not left out either. The bar was busy too - and all that on a Sunday with family and friends at a roll back price of just £3.00. I am sure that brought back memories.

Join us at the forthcoming events - contact [events@darjimandal.org.uk](mailto:events@darjimandal.org.uk)

# In Loving Memory



We would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to all of our relatives, friends and well wishers who stood by us during our time of grief.

## Mrs Rashikantaben Ratilal Tailor (Wife)

### Children:

Chandu & Hansa Tailor	London, England
Ravindra & Sunita Tailor	Eldoret, Kenya
Bipin & Aruna Tailor	Eldoret, Kenya
Mahesh & Gemini Tailor	Mississauga, Canada

### Grandchildren:

Matthew, Bhavini (Monica), Jay, Nisha, Neel, Jigna, Sawan, Jeval, Rajan & Late Mst Jayesh

### Great Grandchildren:

Priya & Dominic

## Late Shri Ratilal Maneklal Tailor

8th August 1932 - 1st September 2009

Nakuru  
Kenya

Eldoret  
Kenya

Shri Ratilal Maneklal Tailor, of Gandevi, India, son of Maneklal Tailor passed away peacefully on the morning of 1st September 2009

## Obituaries

Since the last publication of **Darji Voice** in October 2009, the DMM of UK was informed of the passing away of the following community members. The DMM of UK sends their condolences and sympathies to their families

Names	Date Passed Away
Mr. Ambelal Ranchod Tailor of Palmers Green, London	28 October 2009
Mr. Dhansukhbhai Rambhai Tailor of East Ham, London	19 December 2009
Mrs. Damyantiben Bhupendrabhai Narandas of Hendon, London	25 January 2010
Mr. Pranjivandas Kalyanji Tailor of Hampstead, London	11 February 2010
Mr. Sanmukhbhai Ratilal Tailor of Wembley, Middlesex	13 February 2010

If you would like the name of your beloved family member to be included in the Darji Voice, please forward all the details to **Thakorbhaj Bhagat** or write to us at [info@darjimandal.org.uk](mailto:info@darjimandal.org.uk). This is open to all the members of the Darji community in the UK. If you wish to place memorials in the future issues, please contact **Thakorbhaj Bhagat** on 07973 210779 for details.

Please note in March 2009 edition of the Darji Voice **Mr Kantibhai Vallabhbhai Tailor** was said to have passed away on 13th February 2009 but the correct date is **14th February 2009** and **Miss Bhavisai Ramesh Tailor** was said to have passed away on 1st February 2009 but the correct date is **8th February 2009**. We sincerely apologise to the respective families for these errors.

To contribute any article of interest to the community please forward them to our team at the email address below. Any suggestions are also welcomed. Please do not hesitate to contact us whatever your ideas may be.

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