



Darji voice

11th Edition

Darji Mitra Mandal of the UK

DMMUK

Message from our new President

Firstly I would like to thank our previous **President Pravinbhai Jivan**, for leading the Mandal for the last two years, and for all his hard work. The new committee and I shall continue to build on the foundations and confidence built with the community. In addition, may I extend my sincere thanks to **Shilaben Tailor** who was our Treasurer. She gave the Mandal her invaluable experience and drive towards bringing financial stability. I also thank **Mr Hasmukhbhai Bhikha** and **Ms Deepaben Tailor** for their hard work during their time in the DMMUK Management Committee.

At the last **AGM**, held on **2nd May 2010**, the new committee members and office bearers were elected. Please see the professional profiles highlighting the diverse skills and talents we all bring to the Mandal to enable us to drive our projects forward.

Members Loans:

When the Pavilion project was started a number of community members kindly provided loans to enable us to purchase the land & start the building work. Over the years, we have either re-paid the loans or converted them into donations. In the last few weeks through hard work and dedication, we have **cleared all but two loans**. We are confident that these will be cleared soon."

Name Plaques:

Installing name plaques for all community members who donated towards the building project at the **Darji Pavillion**. This is our primary objective for the year and we have started on this task, gathering all names & amounts donated over the last few years. We are currently reviewing old records and compiling a comprehensive list, which we will need to cross check with every community member.

Building Project :

As you may be aware we have an issue with **sound pollution in our hall** and we are currently reviewing various options. One possibility is a **building extension**, which may not only provide us with additional space for changing rooms, or office or storage but also give an opportunity to tackle the sound pollution. If you have any comments please feel free to contact me, as we would like to monopolise on the skills and experience of our community in areas we do not specialise in.

Visit to the House of Commons

Local **MPs David Burrowes (Enfield Southgate) & Nick de Bois (Enfield North)** invited charities & voluntary organisations from within Enfield & Southgate to the House of Commons on Monday 5th July.

Nick Hurd MP (Cabinet Office Minister for Civil Society) addressed the audience and presented highlights of the proposed '**Big Society**'. This should allow charities, and social enterprises to provide public services, devolving power down to local neighbourhoods.

Bipin and I met the **MPs** and a number of members from other local organisations. We hope to build links with these groups and work together, so we can help each other.



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Working with other Mandals

We are also in contact with **Shree Darji Gnati Mandal (SD Leicester)** with a view to working together on various joint projects & events. We are very hopeful that we shall succeed in our endeavours.

We always welcome anyone wishing to join the committee or just help as volunteers, as we have a number of large projects we would like to kick off, but we simply don't have enough manpower. So if you can help in anyway, please contact us at info@darjimandal.org.uk

National Congress of Gujarati Organisations

DMM of the UK received an invitation from the **National Congress of Gujarati Organisations (NCGO)** to attend their Annual General Meeting, which was held at the Brent Town Hall on Sunday 27th June. **Bipinbhai Tailor, Thakorbbhai Bhagat, Ashokbhai Tailor, Purshottambhai (Babubhai) Tailor and I** represented DMMUK, and I was fortunate to participate in the election of the new officer bearers & committee members.

Going forward, **DMMUK** will participate more regularly with groups such as **NCGO** to increase our profile within the general Asian/Indian communities.

Maheshbhai Chikhliya
President

Calendar of Forthcoming Events

Please find below details of our forthcoming events. Place this panel on your fridge, notice board or electronic dairy, these events are not to be missed. See you all there.

80^s Boat Party	27th August 2010
Bhajans	26th September 2010
Friday Club	3rd September, 1st October 2010 Navratri
	8th to 17th October 2010
Diwali party	5th November 2010
Sammelan	14th November 2010
Children's Xmas Party	18th December 2010
New Years Eve	31st December 2010

To register your interest for any of these events please write to us at events@darjimandal.org.uk

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Website

Since the launch of our website last year we have seen a major increase in users of our website. We have had good feedback for improvements and are now looking to build on this initial web offering success with phase 2. We will provide feedback on scope for phase 2 in our next DV. Thank you for your feedback to date. We are keen to continue receiving your ideas to improve our website. Statistics of usage of our new website:

3,806 visits, by 2,058 unique visitors

21,776 pages viewed

31.86% was direct traffic

59.18% was via search engines

5.72 average pages viewed

8.97% was referred from other sites

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This page has been sponsored by Shree Bharatbhai Thakorbbhai Tailor and Family of Ilford, Essex IG2 6YB

Achievements within our community

Bharatbhai Thakorbbhai Tailor on successfully running the Edinburgh Marathon had this to say ...

"It was with great joy and tears that I completed my first ever full **marathon at Edinburgh** on Sunday 23rd May 2010. With unexpected high temperatures of 25°C, it was very hard going but I kept in mind the good causes I was raising money for and that kept me going right to the end.

I completed it in the officially confirmed time of **6hrs 3min 51sec**. Ever since I saw the first London Marathon, it became my lifelong dream to run at least one full marathon and thanks to all of your support, I was able to achieve it.

I would like to thank everyone for your sponsorship and support and I am glad I have raised many thousands for our Mandal and other charities."



Please make your cheque payable to **B T Tailor** and send it to **88 Queenborough Gardens, Ilford, IG2 6YB**. For any enquiries, please ring me on **07818 424 720**.

Dharinee Motiwala has recently been awarded "The Jack Petchy Achievement Award"



Mrs Binaben Motiwala would like to congratulate her daughter, **Dharinee Motiwala** on winning the **Jack Petchy Award (April 2010)** for an enterprise project at Winchmore School. Dharinee, previous winner of the Evans Award for best student during her primary school education, was also chosen to represent her school at the **Go4It Award** ceremony.

The award was in recognition of schools that foster a 'Can Do' attitude. Binaben, on behalf of her late husband **Harishbhai Motiwala** and their family, would like to wish **Dharinee** the very best for the future.

Well done to **Neelam Hitesh Bulsara, Juhi Naresh Chikhliya** and **Pooja Amish Chikhliya** who have also been awarded **The Jack Petchy Achievement Award**.

Be proud, share your achievements - write to us!



LEICESTER

Following the highly successful 'Sneh-Milan' held in Leicester back in November 2001, the Shree Darji Gnati Mandal (SD) Leicester hereby invites you and your family to

Sammelan 2010

Hosted at Ramgharia Centre, Ulverscroft Road, Leicester, LE4 6BX

On 14th November 2010

From 11.30am to 6.00 pm

Lunch will be served between 12.30 and 2.00 pm

To keep up with tradition, as with previous years, we give you the opportunity to bring your talent to stage. If you are interested to show your performance on a platform at the 'Sammelan 2010' then please complete the online form on www.darjis.co.uk no later than 22nd October 2010. There will be no competition, just an occasion to show your talent

For further information and updates please:

Email us at: info@darjis.co.uk

Contact us on: 07814 878645

Follow us on Facebook by joining our 'Sammelan 2010' group.

Remember to spread the word as your presence at the 'Sammelan 2010' will make this an unforgettable event.

સહર્ષ જનાવવાનું કે આપણી ચુ.કે. નું જ્ઞાતિ સંમેલન ઉપર જણાવેલ સ્થળે યોજવામાં આવેલ છે જેમાં પધારવા આપને ભાવભીનું આમંત્રણ છે. આ આયોજીત પ્રસંગમાં આપ કોઈ પણ ભાગ આપી મનોરંજન કરાવવા માંગતાહો તો ઉપર આપેલ ઇમેઇલ અથવા ટેલીફોનથી જણાવી કૃપા કરશો. આપણા આ સંમેલનને આપ સર્વે હાજરી આપી સફળ બનાવશો એવી અમારી નમ્ર વિનંતી.

કોઈપણ સંસ્થા દાનથી નભે છે: સંસ્થા આપના ઉમદા દાનની અપેક્ષા રાખે છે.



Maheshbhai Chhunibhai Chikhliya **President & Data Management**
Full Time Occupation: Product Engineer, Ford Motor Company
Strengths: Effective applied leadership, lead-by-example mentor, efficient communicator, analytical reasoning specialist, with advanced exposure in the Information Technology arena.



Bipin Chhotubhai Tailor **Vice President & Membership**
Full Time Occupation: Chairman, Dolphin Communication Solutions Limited
Strengths: Management & technical skills, project management including building works.



Bharat Thakorbbhai Tailor **Secretary**
Full Time Occupation: Product Analysis Manager, British Telecom
Strengths: Communication skills, attention to detail, analytical reasoning, process writing



Kishor Jagmohan Kapadia **Joint Secretary**
Strengths: Effective execution skills, Good communicator.



Mahendra (Mahesh) Mohanlal Tailor **Treasurer**
Full Time Occupation: Accountant
Strengths: Effective financial forecasting, planning & budget adherences.



Ashok Chhotubhai Tailor **Joint Treasurer**
Full Time Occupation: Company Secretary, Dolphin Communication Solutions Limited
Strengths: Key Team Player, Good Communicator & Listener, diverse spectrum of knowledge in different fields.



Umesh Natwarlal Tailor **Joint Treasurer**
Full Time Occupation: Surveyor, F R Shadbolt & Sons Ltd
Strengths: Optimal costing, financial arena expertise, practical surveying.



Thakor Bhikhubhai Bhagat **Public Relation Secretary**
Full Time Occupation: Senior Accounts Manager, Needleman Treon Solicitors
Strengths: Legal Accounting specialist. Free legal services to the Mandal.



Minaxi Akhil Oberoi **Committee Member, Communication**
Full Time Occupation: Project Manager, HSBC Bank Plc
Strengths: Articulate, people orientated individual, persuasive, influential



Bina Harishbhai Motiwala **Committee Member, Events**
Full Time Occupation: Nursery Nurse (Key Worker), Early Years Practitioner
Strengths: Excellent execution skills, enthusiastic team worker, enjoys organising



Vinod Natwarlal Tailor (Vin Tailor) **Committee Member, Events Manager**
Strengths: Excellent organisational & time management skills, enthusiastic, self-motivated, able to establish productive relationships with people at all levels, innovative and creative, attention to detail.



Amish Dinesh Chikhliya **Committee Member, Communication, Darji Voice**
Full Time Occupation: Director, Superintendent Pharmacist, Naplan UK Ltd.
Strengths: Creative designer, innovative thinker, diplomatic anchor, problem solver.



Pravin Morar Jivan **Committee Member (ex President 2008-2010)**
Full Time Occupation: Clinical and Biomedical Scientist
Strengths: Passionate to help, Innovative thinker, positive and adaptable approach to problem solving.



Nareshkumar Thakordas Chikhliya **Committee Member (ex Vice President)**
Full Time Occupation: Director, Aashish Motors
Strengths: Goal driven, resourceful, excellent cooking / catering skills, supervisory skills



Pankaj Natwarlal Tailor **Committee Member, Website Co-ordinator (ex President)**

Full Time Occupation: IT Director, Standard Bank

Strengths: Effective programme/project and change management, outstanding leadership skills, ability to constantly deliver solutions.



Sanjay Ishverlal Tailor **Committee Member (ex President 2006-2007)**

Full Time Occupation: Director, British Telecom

Strengths: Communication skills, strategy formulation & implementation, business planning, innovative, financial & business management and delivering customer satisfaction



Prataprao (Pradeep) Thakordas Chikhli **Committee Member, Bar Manager**

Full Time Occupation: Director, Aashish Motors

Strengths: Well organised, flexible, keeps a positive attitude



Ishwar Maganbhai Gosai **Committee Member, Bar Man, Mechanical Fixer**

Full Time Occupation: Workshop Manager, London Taxis

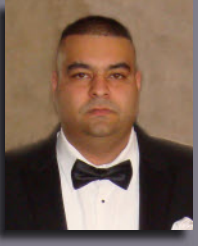
Strengths: Always keen to help, willing to go the extra mile, self-motivated individual



Sunil Rameshchandra Tailor **Committee Member**

Full Time Occupation: Systems Engineer, Nomura International

Strengths: Excellent event co-ordination skills, ability to get things done, strong & effective communication skills, team player, solutions developer.



Rikesh Kishore Tailor **Committee Member**

Full time Occupation: Voice & Data Specialist, Secureinet Communications

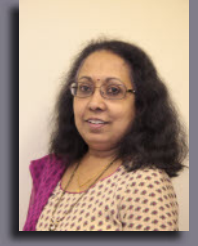
Strengths: Good team player, self motivated individual.



Daulat Ishwarlal Tailor **Committee member**

Full Time Occupation: Lunch Time Supervisor

Strengths: Optimistic, hospitable, flexible and co-operative, self motivated.



Sumitra Daulat Tailor **Committee member**

Full Time Occupation: Processing Corporate dividends, Senior Clerk, HSBC

Strengths: Positive, considerate, flexible and co-operative.



Brijlal (Gulabdas) Fakirbhai **Committee Member**

Full Time Occupation: Retired tailor

Strengths: Good Team Player, always willing to help, hardworking



Jayantilal. Mohanlal. Degamia **Committee member**

Full time occupation: Director of few companies /business activities in various company.

Strengths: Ability to provide insights, entrepreneurial intellect, efficient advisory



Dilipbhai Dayabhai Tailor **Committee Member**

Full time occupation: Clerical Officer, British Rail

Strengths: Good at fund raising, possesses administration/clerical expertise



Mukesh Dhansukhlal Kapadia **Committee Member**

Full Time Occupation: Engineer (Heating & Plumbing), Desi Gas (Heating & Plumbing)

Strengths: Effective solutions delivery for plumbing, heating & maintenance issues, good communication skills, enthusiastic team player, always keen to help.



Mala Venilal Tailor **Committee Member**

Full Time Occupation: Business Analysis, Ford Credit Bank plc

Strengths: Communication, Information processing, Asset Management, establishing new processes, excellent organisation skills, producing data reports, IT procurement.



Darshna Satish Jeram **Committee Member**

Full Time Occupation: Student, Beauty Therapy.

Strengths: Good interpersonal and communication skills.

Darji Notice board

Message for our community members residing near Wembley

The Metropolitan Police have had an **increased report of muggings**. The targets have mainly been women who are visiting the **Mandir** wearing gold jewellery. The advice from the police is not to wear gold and to be extra vigilant.

Marriage Announcements

Congratulations to Ricky Vinodbhai Taylor and Bhavini Nareshbhai Tailor on their marriage on **18th July 2010**. The proud parents; **Vinodbhai & Vanitaben Taylor** and **Nareshbhai & Bhagvatiben Tailor** would like to wish the happy couple a long and happy married life. God Bless you both, from Mum, Dad, Baa, Nita kaki, Neil kaka, Yashmin, and Kalpesh



Congratulations to Akhil Oberoi and Minaxi Oberoi on their marriage 25th October in India and their reception on 7th May 2010 in the UK. Son of late **Vijay Oberoi** and **Rajni Oberoi**. Daughter of **Jayantilal Naran Tailor** and **Manjulaben Jayanti Tailor**.

We would like to wish them a blessed and wonderful wedded life ahead. We warmly welcome Akhil into the DMMUK volunteers' gang!

Preeya Kalidas' debut single has been released on 26 July 2010.

Preeya is the first ever **Darji and Asian** to hit the mainstream with lead roles in West End theatres, Films and as **Amira** in **Eastenders**. You can visit her official website: www.preeyamusical.com



To make any announcements in the next Darji Voice please write to darjivoice@darjimandal.co.uk

Sponsor our Community Members

On 26th September a team of us will be cycling from **Buckingham Palace to Windsor Castle**, some 46 miles, and raising money for **The Prince's Trust**. This is my first long distance ride, having learnt to ride a bike only a few years ago, this will be a challenge. I have been training most weeks, but will need to increase the training distance in the coming weeks – any advice or suggestions welcome!

I will be riding with my nephews and nieces who between them have completed 22 charity bikes rides over the past few years. Our team for the **Palace to Palace** bike ride is made up of **Jay Tailor, Nisha Tailor, Monica Seward, Matt Seward, Sameet Tailor & me**.

If you would like to sponsor us, please visit <http://bit.ly/maheshc>

Mahesh Chikhliya



Chef's Corner - recipes from the Master Chef, D.M.M.UK

Chatpatta Wings (Serves 4)

Ingredients:

For the chicken

- 16 pieces flat chicken wings
- 1 tsp green chili paste
- 1 tsp crushed garlic
- 1 tbsp ginger paste
- 1 tbsp sunflower cooking oil

For the sauce

- 1 tbsp tomato ketchup
- 1 tsp tamarind powder
- 1 tsp vinegar
- 1 tsp red chili powder
- 1 tsp sugar/honey
- 1 tbsp dark soya sauce
- 1 tbsp mint paste
- ½ cup water



Preparation Method:

1. Deep-fry the chicken wings until they turn brown in colour. Keep aside.
2. Prepare the sauce separately by mixing all of its ingredients in a bowl.
3. In a frying pan add the oil, chili paste, garlic paste and ginger. Stir-fry for approximately 2 minutes.
4. Add the ready fried chicken into the frying pan and stir for around 4 minutes on medium heat.
5. Next, add the sauce into the pan. Mix the sauce with the chicken for about 4 minutes.
6. Lastly, garnish with freshly chopped coriander leaves.

If you wish to share a recipe with our readers please write to darjivoice@darjimandal.org.uk

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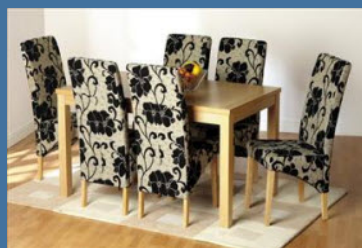
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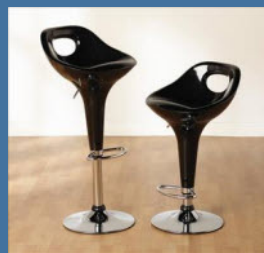
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Our then President presenting his team's achievements



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Obituaries

Since the last publication of Darji Voice in March 2010, 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

Mr Hargovind Vithalbhai Tailor of Bristol

Mrs Dhanuben Natwarlal Tailor of Luton

Mrs Pravinaben Babulal Tailor of Leicester

Miss Dipa Jayprakash Tailor of Luton

Miss Hansaben Bhikhubhai Tailor of Walthamstow, London

Mrs Pravinaben Mohanlal Topiwala of Bounds Green, London

Mrs Nilamben Maheshbhai Master of Wembley

Mrs Kalavatiben(Kikiben) Hargovind Tailor of Bristol

Date Passed Away

6th February 2010

27th February 2010

14th March 2010

15th March 2010

4th April 2010

16th April 2010

6th May 2010

23rd April 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 **Thakorbbhai Bhagat** (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 **Thakorbbhai Bhagat** for details.

If you wish to sponsor a page in the Next issue of the Darji Voice, please contact us at darjivoice@darjimandal.org.uk.