



12th Edition

Darji voice



Darji Mitra Mandal of the UK

DMMUK

Dear Members

Happy New Year. 2010 has come and gone, for our Mandal this has been a year of great successes, lots of fun, new ideas and events. We kicked off with the **Meat Party** after the **AGM**. Some key achievements for us was the **Ladies Raas Garba night, 70s Boat Party, Havan and Bhajans** and our usual annual events such as Navratri, Diwali and New Years Eve Party. We have also achieved our key financial objective of paying back our **members' loan** as outlined in the **AGMs**. We are also grateful to those members who kindly converted their loans to a donation to the Mandal.

Welcome to 2011, we anticipate this year will also be just as fun packed as last year with many exciting projects on the horizon, we are currently busy planning a **Samellan**, making preparations for our building projects and organising our much loved annual events.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in 2010 and look forward to your support in 2011.

Mahesh Chikhliia.

President

Project Updates

Building Project

We have been working on a number of options over the last few years to improve the look, feel, capacity and financial income we receive from our **Darji Hall**. We have submitted some extension plans to the Council to get their initial views. We also have obtained a number of quotes for improvement works to the existing layout. Taking into consideration the costs and our budget we have prioritised the building project to concentrate and implement the following:

- Building a bar
- Refurbishment of the toilets
- Sound proofing the hall
- New lighting
- Building security

We are working with a team of contractors to ensure we get the best value for our money. If you know of any building contractors, architects or contacts that can help us achieve the above please contact **Mina Oberoi on 07957 476711** or write to us at info@darjimandal.org.uk.

Name Plaques

Last year we started the task of compiling the list of names of all our donors, as you can appreciate this is an inherited project from our predecessors and we want to ensure that we have got all the **correct names and amounts on our records**. This year we will be contacting these individual to seek their confirmation and agreement for their names to be published to our community. We are aiming to have this task completed by the end of June. If you are a donor and can help with the confirmation, please can you contact **Mahesh Chikhliia** at info@darjimandal.org.uk with your name, and details of the donation.



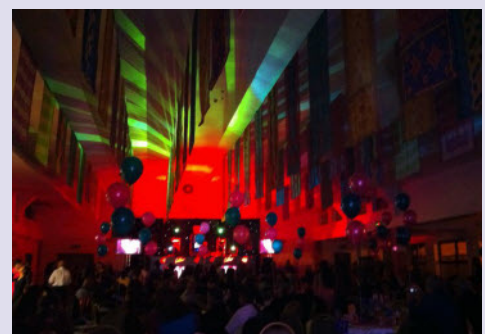
Navratri 2010



Leicester Samellan 2010



Havan & Bhajans 2010



Darji Hall on NYE

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Multimedia Marketing

As more and more of us work with technology and check our messages on the go, we are also moving with this technological trend. We are pleased to announce the launch of **DMMUK's facebook page**. The page can be accessed through the following link <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Darji-Mitra-Mandal-UK/172845229406392>

We aim to use this to promote our events, send messages, receive your feedback under **Your Mandal and Your Say**.

Our website (www.darjimandal.org.uk) is now moving to the second phase of its build, which will allow the following new features: -

Online calendar showing hall booking and events dates

- Stronger emphasis on our Hall with optimisation for search hits

- Online registration for our events



This should be ready to launch and use by June 2011. Any feedback on the website is appreciated please can you contact **Pankaj Tailor** on info@darjimandal.org.uk.

Please be rest assured we will also be using our traditional methods to market our events so we capture all our members.

DMMUK Membership renewal

All just a reminder that our annual membership runs from **1st April until 31st March**, do not forget to renew your membership. The form can be downloaded from our website, www.darjimandal.org.uk.

Annual Membership is £7.00 and Life membership is £101.

Darji Notice board

Birth

Congratulations to Mansie and Aashish Naresh Chikhliya on the arrival of their daughter **Kaeya**, great granddaughter to **Thakorbhai Trikambhai Chikhliya**

Congratulations to Chandra and Yashmita Patel on the arrival of their son **Krishan** from Nan Meena and Nana Prakash Darji.

Thank you to **Sarlaben Navneet Bhagat** for donating Dandiyas during Navratri in memory of her parents **Kamlaben and Babubhai G. Tailor**



A big thank you to everyone who sponsored **Bharatbhai T. Tailor** for his **marathon run**. We raised just over **£7,320** and gave **£732 each** to **Cancer Research and Stroke Association**. We urge those who have promised but not given their sponsor money yet to send the cheque to **Bharat T Tailor** at **88 Queenborough Gardens, Ilford, Essex, IG2 6YB**.



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Past Events

We organised a number of events last year and we had great fun at all of them as you can see from the pictures. The **Boat Party** was a great success and all that attended enjoyed the experience and commented on how well it was organised. Your feedback on this event becoming an annual date in our calendars would be appreciated. Please contact **Vin Tailor** on **07956413166** or write to us at **events@darjimandal.org.uk**.

Would you be **interested in a DMMUK Sports Day?** If so please write to us.

Raas Garba for our ladies was also a hit, suggestions for future ladies events can be sent in to **Vin Tailor** we would like to thank all are volunteers who helped make this event a success.

Due to the adverse weather conditions in December, we had to cancel our Children's Christmas Party, however we will be providing our younger members an **Easter party instead!**

Congratulations to **Shree Darji Gnati Mandal, Leicester**, for hosting a successful **Samellan**. It was a delight to meet community members from all over the UK whilst enjoying some quality performances.

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank a number of our community members who have made it possible for our events to be successful with their kind donations.

Navratri Donors: Ashirwad Wedding Services for the lighting and front, back and side drops.

Jaywantbhai Shah for soft drinks and confectionaries.

Shantilalbhai Ambalal Tailor and his team for organising distribution of prasad.

Sarlaben Navneet Bhagat for donating dandiya.

Thakorbhahi Bhagat for Ganthia Jalebi and **Narendrabhai Surti** for Doodh Pauwa.

Diwali Donors: Indiraben and **Mahendrabhai Harkishan Tailor** for the delicious food.

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.

Darji Meat Party	20th February 2011
Children's Easter Bunny Party	23rd April 2011
Annual General Meeting AGM	8th May 2011
Senior Citizen (60+)	To be Confirmed
Get together Samellan	To be Confirmed

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

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Havan & Bhajans 2010



Leicester Samellan 2010



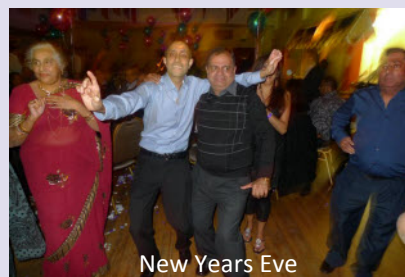
New Years Eve



Leicester Samellan 2010



Navratri 2010



New Years Eve



Boat Party 2010



Boat Party 2010



Navratri 2010

Obituaries

Since the last publication of Darji Voice in August 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

- Shantilal Jagjivan Tailor of Palmers Green, London
- Dhansukhlal Kapadia of Toronto, Canada
- Maniben Chhotubhai Tailor of Seven Kings, Ilford
- Mohanlal Ghelabhai Chikhliha of Edgware, Middlesex

Date Passed Away

- 28th September 2010
- 19th October 2010
- 11th January 2011
- 27th January 2011

If you would like the name of your beloved family member to be included in the Darji Voice, please forward all the details to **Thakorbhahi 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 **Thakorbhahi Bhagat** for details.