



# Darji Voice

21st Edition

June 2015

We are pleased that the DMM community members have welcomed the news about Sarmelan and have given us their whole hearted support by informing us that they will be coming to this prestigious event.

In our last edition of Darji Voice, we sent enclosed a RSVP card for your reply confirming your attendance. This is essential for deciding the catering needs and managing the capacity. So far we have just over 1000 attendees confirmed. If you have not done so; please send the RSVP card or email us on [sarmelan@darjimandal.org.uk](mailto:sarmelan@darjimandal.org.uk) before 15th July with details of numbers attending and your address.

The doors will open at 10 am. The program for the day will be as follows:

- 10.00 am: Doors open
- 11.00 am: Meet and Greet
- 12.00 pm: Lunch (Served up until 2.00pm)
- 2.30 pm: Start of programme.

There will be entertainment and performances. A Bar is also available. Those of you who wish to participate please complete the form which can be downloaded from our website. Alternatively, please contact a committee member. Holding a Sarmelan is only possible with your support. This year, it will cost around £18,000. To help with the costs, we are printing a Sarmelan booklet. We need your sponsorship and advertisements for the booklet. Please choose the package from our list below. To advertise please contact a committee member or email on [sarmelan@darjimandal.org.uk](mailto:sarmelan@darjimandal.org.uk).



## Brochure Advertising Packages

**Platinum:** £1500 (Taken up)  
 Full back page  
 2 Banners by either side of stage  
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 or  
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To help raise awareness of the Mandal we want to hear your news - **Matrimonial, Births, Achievements.**  
 To give us your feedback and receive new issues regularly, please send your details by email to [darjivoice@darjimandal.org.uk](mailto:darjivoice@darjimandal.org.uk)

The Darji Voice is published about three times a year and is distributed to the community throughout UK.

## President Message

In the last year, with the support of all community members, we have made good progress in terms of organizing events, communicating with our members and improving the facilities within our hall. As promised at our last AGM, we are going to be celebrating 60 years of our Darji Mitra Mandal in the UK on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2015. This is a big event and I would like to see as many community members as possible at this event and I request you all to send us your RSVP by email or post so that we can have a good idea of the number of people attending the Sammelan. I urge you all to come forward and help us on the day, this is a big event and it can only be successful with your help. Also, if any member of your family would like to perform any musical or dance item on the day, then please do let us know ASAP. I want to take this opportunity to thank those members who have given their support in raising funds for our Sammelan.

At our last AGM, I spoke about enhancing our hall. I am pleased to inform you that we applied to the Lottery Fund and they kindly gave us £9,800 to carry out a feasibility study report. Qualified professionals are currently working on this and we will be able to give you more information on our plans by the end of this year.

Finally, I would like to thank all committee members and volunteers who have worked so hard to run our Mandal. My special thanks to Shilaben who is stepping down as a Treasurer due to her personal circumstances. We all value her service and supports to our Mandal. I welcome Mahendrabhai (Maheshbhai) as our new Treasurer.

Once again thank you all and look forward to see you at the Sammelan.

**Kishor J Kapadia**

## AGM report

Annual General meeting was held on Sunday 31st May 2015. This is the only time when members can put their views regarding DMMUK affairs by questioning the committee members directly. The committee was disappointed that only a few members turned up for this important meeting. We have a large community in the UK and we urge you to come and take part to shape the future of the DMMUK

There was no election this year but the major point was a proposal to change the constitution to realign the Senior Citizen age with national retirement age. This means from next AGM our senior citizen male and female will have same benefits in respect to differentiation of age as current practice.



## Building Improvements Completed

- New modern toilets replacing the old facilities
- Baby changing facility
- Permanent fully fitted Bar
- New Lighting
- New Doors
- Improved Stage area
- Newly painted ceiling

## Future

- Complete the painting of the Hall
- Move forward the work on Hall extension
- Complete the Plaques

## OVER 60s Dinner

Once again our DMM team has organised the annual lunch for our 60 plus members. This invitation is for all community members over the age of 60 years. To bring entertainment for our members; the DMMUK is proud to announce that for the very first time we have organised a Gujarati Natak (Patni Parnavo Savadhan) which you will be able to enjoy. Please fill in the form inserted with Darji Voice. Any members below the age of 60 will be able to attend the Natak after 4.00 pm with admission fee of £5.00. Entry is limited, paid for in advance and available on first come basis. Please contact Shilaben on 07834234340

## Navratri Festival

Good news for our enthusiastic Garba players. This year Navratri entry will be **completely free** on week days. We have listened to our community and now it is your turn to make Navratri a great success by bringing your friends and family members and make this event more enjoyable one Navratri starts on Tuesday, 13th October 2015.

Charges only apply on Friday (16th Oct), Saturday (17th Oct) and Aatham (21st Oct) days. On these days admission will be £3 per person for each day payable on the door.



DMMUK is now on the social network media! Like our **FB** page on <http://www.facebook.com/darjimandaluk> to raise your opinions, stay in touch with the community and know who is attending the events! Or follow us **@DMMUK on Twitter**





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**Price from £1530**

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**14 Days Burma**

**Price from £2900**

Early bird offer: Book before 16 weeks and get £125 off

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## Community News

### Congratulations to Mr Thakorbbhai Trikambhai Chikhliia

Our ex-President celebrated his 90th Birthday on 2nd June 2015. DMMUK wishes him a very happy birthday and thanks him for his inspirational work during his term as president.



**Anil and Viraj Tailor** run regularly and are members of our local running group racking up many kilometres per month.

In 2014 they raised over £2000 pounds for the Meningitis Research Foundation running the Bupa 10k in London. This year they have run the Bupa 10k just for fun. Viraj has completed seven virtual runs and is running ten more this year for charities. They are going to run the Morrison 10k in Newham this July and have planned to do other runs for charities and fun.

In their words...Sometimes it hard to get out and sometime it hurts. So, why do we run? We run because it boosts your mood, it improves your blood flow, strengthens your heart and lungs and some studies have shown it can make you smarter. Running can also help keep your weight down, improve your immune system and gets you out of the house. We run so we can give something back by raising money for charitable causes and enjoy a healthy lifestyle.

### DMMUK would like to thank following people for their kind and generous donation for Sammelan.

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| 1. Vilashben Pravin Tailor        | £1001 |
| 2. Manubhai Harkishan Tailor      | £1000 |
| 3. Kishorebbhai Ragha             | £500  |
| 4. Rajendrabhai Ragha             | £500  |
| 5. Bipinbhai H Kapadia            | £500  |
| 6. Hemantbhai Tailor              | £500  |
| 7. Rameshbhai Patel               | £111  |
| 8. Purshottam (Babubhai) C Tailor | £251  |

DMMUK would also like to thank following sponsors for their support for advertising in our Sammelan brochure:

1. Chandu Tailor and Son for PLATINUM Package
2. Hari Aum Travels GOLD Package
3. Hemantbhai for BRONZE Package

We still have more advertising space so please take up this opportunity. Your support for advertisement and sponsorship will be greatly appreciated.

We have also reduced the compliment price to £25 for 3 lines of message.

### Forthcoming events

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| Fri 26th June   | Friday Club  |
| Sun 26th July   | 60+ Dinner and Natak                               |
| Sun 30th August | Sammelan   |
| Sun 4th Oct     | Havan and Bhajan                                   |
| 13th October    | Navratri   |
| 14th November   | Diwali Celebrations (£5.00 entry Limited numbers). |

### Announcement

DMMUK announces another benefit for our **members**. We are pleased allow the use of our hall for free up to 3 hours to hold Prathana for our members who are seriously ill and for whom our community members wish to hold prayers.

### Palace to Palace Bike Ride

Sunday Cycling Club will be participating in the 2015 The Prince's Trust Palace to Palace Bike Ride on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2015. The team members, Amish Chikhliia, Bipin Kapadia, Mahesh Chikhliia, Sanjay Tailor, Vinod Tailor and Vipin Tailor starting at Buckingham Palace and cycle 45 miles to Windsor Palace.

The Club was formed last year after a few of us decided that we wanted to get healthier & improve our fitness, so we started cycling on Sunday mornings in and around Hyde Park. After a few months we progressed to cycling on the roads and managed to feel comfortable cycling longer distances.

The goal for 2015 is to complete a cycling event; so in January we signed up for the Palace to Palace event. We're out on our bikes every Sunday in preparation for the BIG day in September. Please help us raise £720 for The Prince's Trust; and support the team -

<https://www.justgiving.com/sundayriders>

## Obituaries

Since the last publication of Darji Voice in October 2013, the DMM of UK was informed of the passing away of the following community members in the UK. The DMM of UK sends their condolences and sympathies to their families

Date	Name	Town
27/02/2015	Mr Balbir (Bob) Singh Johal	Harrow
12/03/2015	Mr Bhagwandas Jivanji Ragiwala	Harrow
20/03/2015	Mr Mohanlal Govindbhai Tailor	Wembley
13/04/2015	Mrs Chanchalben Natubhai Tailor	London
01/06/2015	Mr Chhotalal Ratanji Lal	Leicester
04/06/2015	Mrs Hashumati Ramanlal Lalji	London
08/06/2015	Mr Chhotubhai Trikambhai Tailor	London
12/06/2015	Mrs Rukmaniben Ishwarlal Tailor	Leicester

Please note that our Bereavement services are offered to all members residing in UK. We regret that as from next edition we will be unable to offer this service to people outside UK.