



Darji Voice

13th Edition

August 2011

Annual General Meeting

In May, we held our **2011 Annual General Meeting**. Unfortunately, the turnout was disappointing and we did not receive as much support from the community as we had anticipated. Nonetheless there was exciting news to be shared with the members present:

1. **We have cleared all but one outstanding loan**, made in 1994 for the building of our Darji Pavilion Hall. The loans were either converted to donations or had been repaid. We would like to give a big thank you to all the members for their support in regard to donations over the years.
2. For the last few years The Darji Pavilion Hall has been self-funding. The rental income is providing money in addition to the running and operating costs. For April 2009 to March 2010 the profit was **£51,875**, and for April 2010 to March 2011 the profit was **£68,180. An increase of 31% in the revenue!**
3. Further good news is that the hall is **now booked for most weekends** to the end of 2011. In spite of this, we are still looking to increase the utilisation of the hall during weekdays. Presently we have secured a booking for every Tuesday, which is generating some income from weekday use.
4. Joining as a new Management Committee Member, we would like to welcome **Yatish Narandas**. We could also like to welcome back **Shilaben Tailor**, who re-joined in December 2010.

On a less happy note, I would like to say goodbye to the following members who have stepped down from the Management Committee. Thank you for all the commitment and support you have given us over the years, and we hope you will continue to support the DMM as volunteers.

Ashokbhai Tailor

Bipinbhai Tailor

Daulatbhai Tailor

Pankaj Tailor

Rik Tailor

Sumitraben Tailor

Sunil Tailor

Sanjay Tailor

Vin Tailor



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

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

Email System

In a technologically advanced society, email is by far the most efficient form of communication. Some of you may be aware that we currently use email to send out reminders for coming events. However, we now feel that we should use this system for the greater good of our community. Hence we have decided to use email as a more active means for sharing any news in the community, good or bad, with all of our members.

How will the email system work?

We have created **three subscription groups** for receiving emails: **Events**, **General News**, and **Bereavement Notices**. All members on our email database will be subscribed to each of the three groups.

What if I want to unsubscribe?

If you wish to unsubscribe from any of the three groups, there will be a link on the first email you receive from which you will be able to do so.

What if I am not receiving any emails?

If you are currently not receiving our emails but wish to do so, please send an email with your full name to info@darjimandal.org.uk



Feedback

We are always looking for feedback or suggestions as to what you want us to do. A few proposals we have already received include:

- **Community Sport Day (local or national)**
- **Cruise (7 or 10 days)**
- **Tour of Europe (coach or cruise)**

If you or someone you know may be interested in participating or helping organise any of the above, please let us know by sending an email to events@darjimandal.org.uk.

Events

Many of you have been demanding the return of our monthly Friday Clubs. Good news! **Friday Clubs are back!** Due to popular demand, we have decided to resurrect our monthly nights of bingo, Antakshari and delightful food. Though Friday Clubs always took place on the first Friday of every month, we have had to move this to the **last Friday of every month**. This is due to the hall already being hired for many of the first Fridays. The first Friday Club was held on **29th July** see below for dates of other Friday Clubs and events.

Forthcoming Events

Friday Club	26th August 2011
Havan & Bhajans	11th September 2011
Navratri	28th Sept to 6th Oct 2011
Sharad Poonam	11th October 2011
Diwali Get together	29th October 2011
Friday Club	25th November 2011
Children's Xmas Party	17th December 2011
New Years Eve	31st December 2011

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

Are you able to help the community?

We are always **looking for volunteers** especially the youth and if you are able to help with: **events**, **building/refurbishing** (like Lighting, Sound, Toilets, The Bar, etc..)

Please contact a committee member to express your interest. Any support would be welcome, even if it's just some **professional advice!**





Remember?

Third State Funded Hindu School To Open In East London

In September 2012, the **UK's third state-funded Hindu school** is due to be opened by **I-Foundation**.

Krishna Avanti Primary School, Redbridge, as it will be known, will run at the current site of the Ilford Jewish Primary School in Barkingside, East London. With four classes per year, it will be the **biggest Hindu school in the UK** so far, with an attendance of 840 children when it runs at full capacity.

Its sister school in Edgware, Harrow, was the first state-funded Hindu school in the country. Having opened in September 2008, it was recognised as 'good with many outstanding features' in its first Ofsted report, possibly the highest grade achievable at this stage in the School's development. It went on to say that '**The School's Hindu traditions** support fully the ethos of a 21st century British primary where academic excellence is as important as religious aura.'

The Harrow school has daily prayer sessions, yoga classes, Sanskrit lessons and pupils are taught how to play Indian musical instruments as well. Furthermore, the school serves sanctified vegetarian meals (prashad) for lunch every day. The Redbridge School will build on this model.

The second state-funded Hindu school, will open in Leicester in September 2011, and will also be run by I-Foundation. For more information, contact **Vishal Merai - vishalmerai@gmail.com**.

Obituaries

Since the last publication of Darji Voice in January 2011, 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 Harkishanbhai Ambaram Tailor of Harrow, Middlesex

23rd April 2011

Mr Ratilal Vithalbhai Tailor of Hendon, London

14th May 2011

Mrs Kamlaben Balwantrao Tailor of Leicester

22nd May 2011

Mrs Jekorben Chunilal Bhukhan of Harrow, Middlesex

25th May 2011

Mrs Damyantiben Ravjibhai Gokal of Tufnell Park, London

25th May 2011

Mrs Laxmiben Ambelal Tailor of Sudbury Town

26th June 2011

Mrs Shantaben Khandubhai Darji of Oadby, Leicester

5th July 2011

Mrs Maniben Kantilal Tailor of Leyton, London

28th July 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 **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.

DMMUK Navratri Mahostav Application Form for Members Pre-Paid Pass.

Wed 28th Sep 2011 to Thu 6th Oct 2011 and Poonam Tue 11th Oct 2011.

Application form is per household. You **MUST** use a separate form for each different address. Photocopies of this form will be acceptable.

ALL Members' postal APPLICATIONS for Season Pass **MUST BE RECEIVED BY Fri 21st Sep 2011**. Applications received after closing date will be charged at Late Booking Rate (£15.00 pp).

A. Please complete the form in CAPITAL LETTERS

* Address

* Post Code

* Email

* Telephone

* Mobile

B. Season Passes required for Adults.

* First Name	* Middle Name	* Last Name	* Date of Birth	Please tick		
				Members Pre Booked £10.00	Members Late Booking £15.00	Non-members £20.00

Season Passes required for Children (8-17), Students, Senior Citizens

* First Name	* Middle Name	* Last Name	* Date of Birth	Please tick	
				Children/Student £7.00	*Senior Citizens £7.00

* Must be completed. ** Proof of age or NUS card. *** Senior Citizen - Female over 60 or Male over 65.

C. Total Amount enclosed: - £ _____

I understand that the Navratri season passes are NOT transferable and may only be used by the person named on the Membership Card or Season Pass. Entrance may be refused if venue is at full capacity.

Current DMMUK Member's Pass can be purchased on the door at late booking rate of £15.00. Non-Member Darji community may also purchase Season Pass at £20.00 at the door. Limited number of Guest and Day Passes will be available DAILY at the door for £5.00 each. These will be sold on first come first serve basis and limited for Health & Safety reasons.

Ensure that you have completed A, B & C. **INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE RETURNED** and you may not qualify for the Pre-Booked price. Cheques must be made payable to **"Darji Mitra Mandal of the UK"**.

Please send completed forms with cheques to: - **DMM of the UK, 11 Ingleby Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 4RX**

Note:- For Membership please use the Membership Application form to apply.

Note Terms and Conditions:

- Any incomplete application forms will not be processed.
- Student prices – must include a photocopy of NUS card. If no proof supplied then adult prices will apply.
- The management reserves the right to refuse entry.

Signature _____ Date _____

Office Use Only

Entered By: Date: