

Darji Voice

15th Edition

September 2012

Welcome to our second **Darji Voice** this year. As you may be aware **DMMUK** held our **Annual General Meeting** on **Sunday 20th May**, it was very disappointing to see the low number of community members who attended. It's a shame as the **AGM** is a great opportunity for the **Mandal** to provide updates on the various projects & on financial status and for the community members to ask questions and provide feedback.

At the **AGM** we also held our election for **Officer Bearers** and **Committee Members**. I have stepped down as the **President** but will continue as a **Committee Member**. I would like to thank all **Committee Members** for their hard work over the last two years; we had some difficult times but we managed to have fun and completed the tasks as required. I would also like to thank the community for your support and I hope, I made a difference to our community. I now hand over the Presidency of the **DMMUK** to the capable hands of **Shilaben Tailor**

Mahesh Chikhlia

Message from our new President

I would like to thank our previous **President, Maheshbhai Chikhlia**, for all his hard work and dedication in leading our **Mandal** for the past two years. The new committee and I shall endeavour to continue the efforts and achievement of the past committees.

Following our **Annual General Meeting** held on **20th May 2012**, sadly some of our committee members decided to take a break for this year. I would like to extend our **Mandal's** sincere and gigantic thank you to **Bina Motiwala, Gulabbhai Fakirbhai, Mala Tailor, Mukesh Kapadia, Naresh Thakorabhai Chikhlia** for all their hard work during their time with the committee.

I would like to welcome our new committee members, **Ashokbhai Chhotubhai Tailor, Girishbhai Chhotubhai Tailor, Hemisha Bhupendrabhai Narandas, Mohanlal Dahyabhai Tailor (Motiwala), Rohenee (Rina) Mahendra Thanawala**. I am proud to introduce our new committee members and office bearers who were elected at the **AGM**.

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

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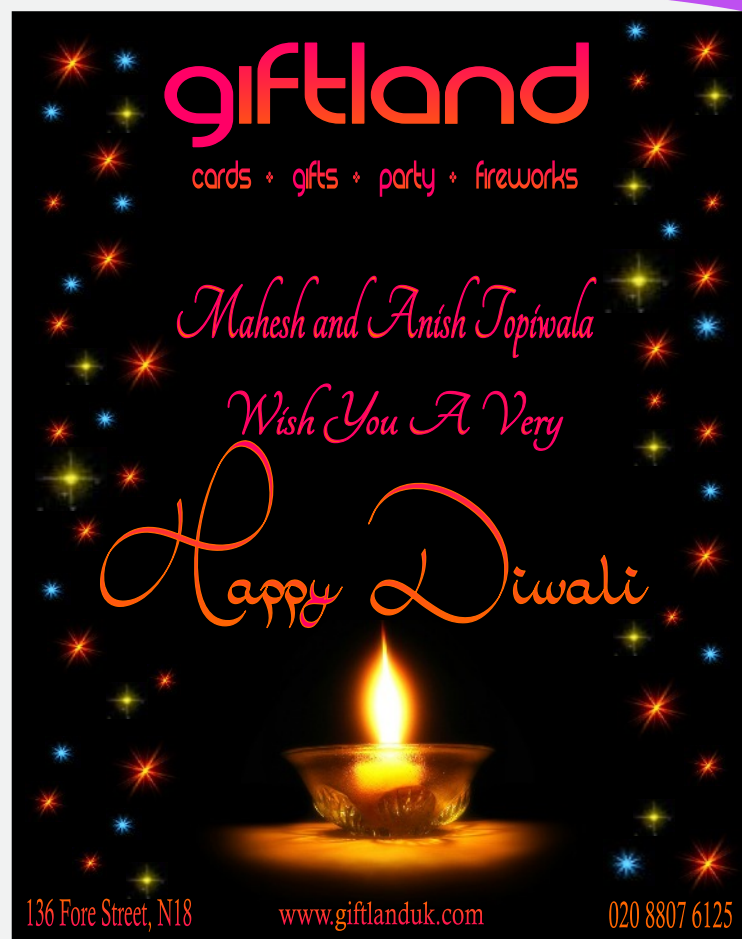
Our committee members and volunteers come from a **diverse** age and background and have their own special skills, talents, views and opinions, but the focus is to work together as one team.

It is **voluntary work** and requires time and dedication, not for

any personal gain or glory, but simply for the benefit for our community. My hats-off to all the committee members and volunteers, past and present, for their hard work, dedication, success and achievements, and trust we will continue this wonderful teamwork. I would like to invite anyone interested in helping us organise events, holiday trips, or any other ideas you may have for our community to contact me at info@darjimandal.org.uk.

To quote a familiar slogan seen in and around London “**inspire a generation**” lets work together to make year **2012** an inspiration for all our generations and to **bring everyone in our community closer together**.

Shila Tailor



Olympics 2012 - Cheer for our Darji Game Makers

Amongst the hundreds and thousands of performers and volunteers who toiled behind the scenes to make **London 2012** a success were some of our community members. From as little as aged 10, **Reiss** (front page) son of **Sonal and Dinesh Jeram**, to **our youths Deepak Tailor, Bhavin Ragma, Kunil Tailor, Neelam Bulsara and Hina Surti** and a generation above **Kishore Maganlal Taylor, Pramodbhai Tailor, Jagdishbhai Bulsara** and our secretary **Bharatbhai Thakorbhai Tailor** were some of the performers and volunteers. **Each inspiring a generation.**

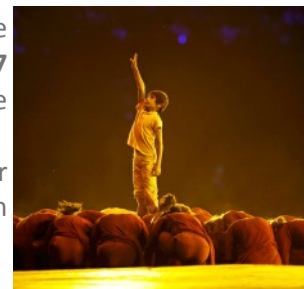
Reiss performed in the opening ceremony of the **London 2012 Olympics on 27th July** in a performance choreographed by **Akram Khan**, 'Abide with me' sung by **Emili Sandé**. This was a tribute to the **7/7 bombings**. He was the only child in a team of 51 talented dancers from around the world including some from the **Akram Khan company**.

He was selected from all the initial children and made it through to the last three that had to audition for **Akram**, and from this he was chosen. **Reiss'** keen interest in drama has developed from an early age when he started at **Chrystal Arts drama school**, who have helped to nurture and encourage him ever since!

This was definitely an enormous achievement for **Reiss** and he was **not at all nervous!**

Bharatbhai as a **volunteer** carried out inspections working with Catering, Cleaning and Waste teams. **His experience as a London 2012 volunteer:**

Inspiration really is the word of my **Games**. Every single day I was inspired by the people I met **spectators, athletes as well as my fellow Games Makers**. Seeing the spectator's happy, surprising faces as they walked through the gates and welcomed by the stunning surroundings of the Olympic Park is something I'll never forget.



People who had waited years for a single day of **Olympic atmosphere** were not let down as the park buzzed constantly. The atmosphere was lifted by the record-breaking show that **Team GB** and others put on. This was equalled by the great **Paralympians** who despite their disabilities, showed us the able bodied people that we can all overcome adversity and move ahead. Finally, to be in the park with hundred of thousands of people, especially the disabled, daily is something I never thought would faze me, but it brought me and my volunteer friends to tears!

It's hard to sum up my experience, I have made friends who I will never forget, I have seen medals awarded, I've pushed myself and learnt more about myself, I've cried, I've laughed and more importantly, I've been part of a team that helped make **London 2012** the best games ever!!

As a performer in the London 2012 Opening Ceremony **Kishorbhai Maganlal Taylor** had the following experience I offered myself as a volunteer to **London 2012 Olympic Committee** and after auditioning was selected as a performer in the **Opening Ceremony on 27 July 2012**. To prepare for the 15 minutes of performance during the Opening Ceremony, we had practice/rehearsals every weekends starting from early May. I was a part of a group about **1000 men and women** who represent the '**Industrial Revolution**' segment of the **Opening Ceremony**. It highlights Britain's industrial heritage of the bygone era. The idyllic countryside is transformed into industrial might at the turn of **20th Century** and the **Dickensian** dark/difficult and dangerous conditions the men and women endured during that period in history.



Deepak Tailor shares his experience of the London 2012 Games

After over **180 hours of rehearsals, 5 months of practice**, the Olympics opening ceremony was show time! I was part of a **1,000** strong cast in the **London 2012 Olympics Opening Ceremony**. We formed the breathtaking and spectacular "**Industrial Revolution**" scene right at the start of the show, watched by an estimated 2 billion people around the world! Congratulations to our **GB Team**. I bought tickets for almost all the games (Goalball, Archery, Swimming, Athletics, Sitting Volleyball, Table Tennis, Bocca, Fencing, Powerlifting and More!), including the opening and closing ceremonies of **Paralympics**. What a closing ceremony! Perfect fitting end to brilliant games. **I'm off to Rio in 4 years....**

Man of the Year

Manharbhai Tailor was named **Man of the Year at the Fusion Award ceremony**. A **Charge Nurse** who's spent **43 years** helping other people was awarded at glittering ceremony at **Ewood Park in Blackburn** for unsung heroes. **Manharbhai Tailor** picked up one of the top prizes at the **Fusion Awards** in recognition of decades spent raising money for charity and other people. A father of three and grandparent of one, **Sophia-Asha**, from **Ash-ton under Lyne** has worked at **Tameside General Hospital** since joining as a trainee in **1969**.

He officially retired last year but still works two days a week as a theatre charge nurse, and in his spare time he has raised tens of thousands of pounds for various charities and causes over the course of **40 years**.

Manharbhai said: "I only found out on the night that I'd won so it was a nice surprise. I was a little bit embarrassed but delighted at the same time. It was also quite humbling experience as I was surrounded by about **400 people** and so many of them had done wonderful things. But I couldn't have done any of it without my wife **Ramila**."

Over the years, **Manharbhai** has raised money for many charities- especially for **Leukaemia research, Scope**, and in more recent years in aid of research into **Alzheimer's disease** in memory of his mother-in-law **Mangiben**, also spent 12 years volunteering with the **Peak District National Parks Authority** and is also a **Magistrate** at the local court.

The challenges he's taken on have included running marathons, climbing mountains and organising dinner dances.

And next year he plans to climb **Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania**-the country where he lived with his parents before moving to **Britain in 1968**.





Senior Citizens Lunch on 8th July 2012

As usual this popular annual event for our elders was enjoyed by all. Besides the delicious variety of home cooked meals, this year we celebrated birthdays of everyone born in the month of **July**. We also had a presentation from **Diviyeshbhai** on a cruise we are planning for next year. The date of the cruise will be announced as soon as it is available. Our hearty congratulations to **Arvindbhai** for winning a cruise trip! A huge "thank you" to everyone who attended and helped make this event a success.



Forthcoming events

We have organised a range of exciting forthcoming events, so make a note in your diaries:

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| 28th September: | Friday Club |
| 13th to 15th October: | Belgium Beer Festival |
| 14th October: | Havan & Bhajan |
| 16th to 24th October: | Navratri |
| 29th October: | Poonam |
| 17th November | Diwali & New Year Get-together |
| 16th December : | Children's Xmas Party |

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| Date to be advised | Cruise |
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For updates of our forthcoming events please check our website www.darjmandal.org.uk or facebook or twitter

Havan & Bhajan

14th October 2012 (10.30 am to 6.00 pm)

Location: Darji Pavilion

Coordinator: Kishor Kapadia (07946 597 819 text)

Don't forget to reserve your free tickets at our annual Havan, & Bhajan. The **Havan** pooja will be held in the morning, followed by maha prasad and then **Bhajans by Amitbhai Kansara**.

If you would like to participate in the Havan please contact us on events@darjmandal.org.uk

We have **LIMITED** capacity for this event and urge you to pre-book your tickets, using our new on-line booking process, on our website www.darjmandal.org.uk.

In order to assist us in catering for the maha prasad, would you kindly confirm your attendance **before 5th October 2012**.

Coach trip to Skanda Vale Ashram (Wales): 16th & 17th August 2012:

Due to great demand, tickets for this pilgrimage trip were sold out very quickly. We left our hall at 11.30 am, after a delay of about 2 hours, as our coach from **Leicester** had broken down on the motorway. However, this is not dampen the excitement or the enthusiasm of those going on this trip. On arrival at **Weston Super-Mare**, we had an hour break by the seafront before leaving for our evening meal at **Staranise Restaurant**. Everyone enjoyed the buffet meal before retiring for the evening at our **Premier Inn Hotel**. Next morning, as our coach departed for **Skanda Vale Ashram at 5 am**, it started to rain, and continued to rain all day. We arrived at **Skanda Vale Ashram** to join the **pooja at Maha Shakti Temple**, before walking to the other temples for morning **prasad**, and then the **pooja at Shri Ranagnath Temple**. All the rain at the **Ashram** did not discourage the enthusiasm, excitement and happiness of our attendees, and it was wonderful to see them plod along in the rain, supporting each other, and joining in the pooja. As they said, the rain was a great blessing from the heavens! We left in the afternoon and arrived in London at about 9.30 pm. Thank you everyone for coming and making it a most enjoyable journey, and hope you will join us on our future trips.



Diamond Jubilee Celebrations on 4th June 2012

Despite a poor turnout, everyone who did attend enjoyed games, quiz, music and delicious, mouth watering **BBQ**. "Thank you" to all volunteers and everyone joining us.



West London Darji Parivaar - BBQ on 2nd September

Congratulations and well done to everyone. It was great to see the teamwork in the "**parivaar**". The weather was perfect for **BBQ**, with a slight breeze, warm with a little bit of sunshine, so everyone enjoyed a great family day out with a huge variety of delicious **BBQ** food.



Navratri 2012

Celebrate our annual festival in style this year. Join us, with all your family and friends, for a inspirational mind- blowing **Navratri garba and dandiya**. Join us for **FREE** on the 1st day of **Navratri** (16/10/2012) as we would like to introduce you to our **new music group**, the famous "**Chayya Parag**". For the rest of the 9 days of celebrations, we strongly urge you to get your **passes before 28/09/12**, at the discounted rates of only £10 (adult) and £7 (senior citizens & children). **After 29/09/12 the prices will increase for everyone to £15 per person**. We have **LIMITED** seasons passes and therefore please apply for your tickets immediately. **Application forms are attached with this Darji Voice and online at our website www.darjimandal.org.uk** Limited daily passes will be available at the door at **£2, and £5 on aatham**.

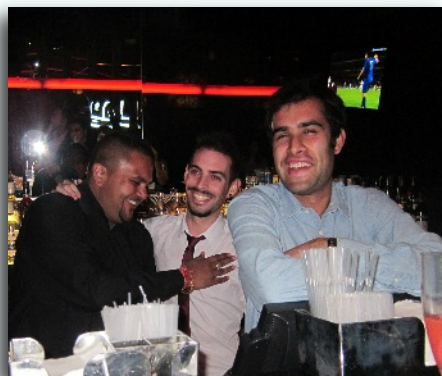
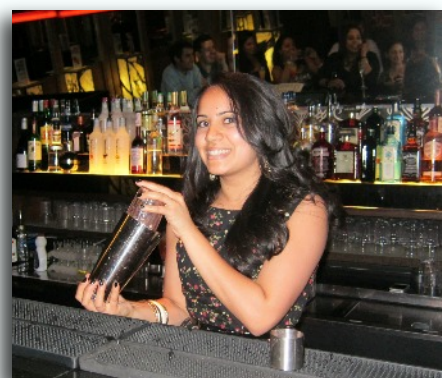


Youth Social Event

Before **Friday 7th September 2012**, there had not been a **DMM youth event** for a long time- years ago in fact! So, a few of us got our heads together, and after a wonderful Olympic summer promoting community and team spirit, we wanted to come up with an idea that would connect the DMM youth and ignite social events in the future too.

In the past we've done the usual bowling, dinner and dances etc etc. So we thought we'd try something new and out of the box- **a cocktail making masterclass!** This was suggested by **Malini Thanawala & Deepak Tailor**. We had just three weeks to get this together, promote it, and get the numbers in, but thanks to both the power of social media (**Facebook and Twitter**), and the will and positivity of the organisers, we went full on with our **"yes we can"** attitude. And the response? It was great, really heart warming enthusiasm in fact! Our maximum quota of 25 people for the class filled up in just 2 weeks.

So, on a warm Friday evening after work, a group of **"Darji's and friends"** descended on to **Revolution Bar** in the city for the first **DMM youth social event of 2012**. We were greeted in **Movie Premiere fashion** with **champagne Bellinis** all round. After some expert tuition from our **mixologists**, we each took part in cocktail races and friendly competition involving judging who made the best drink. Chilli shots for the loser, something more pleasant for the winner. After a nervous start, those skilled **"Tailor"** hands (it's in our genes after all) were soon handling both the glasses and containers as though we were the spirit of



behind our backs, doing a spin, and then catching them with the other hand – but we'll refine that skill next time!

After the **Woo Woos, Mojitos, White Russians, and Long Island Iced Teas**, we were taken on a journey through the history of each cocktail and the techniques and training needed to be a bartender, and we concluded the session with a **"rainbow"** shot each. As the night was still young, we went upstairs for some food platters, reflecting on the evening along with friendly banter.

So what's next on the agenda? What would you like to see? **Give your suggestions** to us on our **Facebook or Twitter** page. **Go Karting? Bowling? Paint Balling? Or even Camping?** [Although when I did mention camping on Friday, I was encouraged to guarantee access to "garam pani and GHDs" before the girls (and some guys) would agree!]

I hope this evening went a long way to prove that with ideas and will, anyone can setup an event, and we will support you however best we can. This will be the start of a new series of **DMM youth events** – and after such a long delay, I'll definitely drink to that.

Yatish Narandas



In October 2012, **Meeta Patel, Sundip Bulsara, Deepti Bulsara and Sneha Merai** are about to embark on the biggest adventure ever! They will be **climbing 19,340ft to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro, Tanzania for Childreach International.**

Braving humid conditions, camping (not glamping!), enduring temperatures of **-25°C** and possibly altitude sickness over 6 days, even using a hole in the ground for a loo, this trek will be full of challenges. However, it's all for a fantastic cause. **Childreach International** is a multi-award winning children's charity with an aim to improve children's access to health and education, and to restore children's rights and protection.

The team have already raised over **£8500**, but would be grateful for donations to help them make a greater impact on the lives of these children. If you wish to make a donation, you can visit **Meeta's** fundraising page at <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/melno1>. Please note that this fundraising page closes on **30 September 2012**. You can also donate directly to **Childreach International** at <https://mydonate.bt.com/donation/donation.html> Moreover, if you'd even like to participate in a similar exciting challenge, you can visit www.childreach.org.uk for more information.



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Summary of accounts (awaiting audit report)

| | Draft 31/03/12 | Audited 31/03/11 |
|---|-------------------|---------------------|
| Income | | |
| Hire of Darji Pavilion | 68,550 | 68,180 |
| Donations, members fees and gift aid relief | 3,846 | 25,027 |
| Religious functions | 3,701 | 6,964 |
| Social functions | 4,160 | 6,235 |
| Interest received | 2,172 | 2,411 |
| Others | 5 | 106 |
| | 82,434 | 108,923 |
| Less: Expenses | | |
| Darji Pavilion interest and running costs | (44,525) | (39,151) |
| Management and administration | (9,161) | (11,065) |
| | (53,686) | (50,216) |
| Net profit for the year | 28,748 | 58,707 |
| Balance Sheet | | |
| Assets | | |
| Fixed assets | 648,354 | 640,397 |
| Debtors | 1,581 | 3,533 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | 120,599 | 127,955 |
| | 770,534 | 771,885 |
| Less: Liabilities | | |
| Bank loan | (134,416) | (167,342) |
| Members loans | (1,000) | (1,000) |
| Darji Pavilion deposits & rents received in advance | (21,420) | (19,330) |
| Other creditors and accruals | (3,592) | (2,855) |
| Net assets | 610,106 | 581,358 |

Big Society Award 2012

One of our community members was recently invited to collect a **Big Society Award** from the Prime Minister, David Cameron at 10 Downing Street.

Monica Tailor (daughter of Chandravadan Ratilal Tailor) is based in Leeds and runs a web site design company with her husband **Matt**. Since 2010 she has been running **Leeds Social Media Surgeries** which offers free informal advice to community, voluntary groups and charities who want to use the Internet to communicate, campaign or collaborate.

Social Media Surgeries run in various locations across the world having started in **Birmingham in 2008** by **Nick Booth**. **Social Media Surgeries** are run entirely by volunteers in their spare time. **Monica** said: 'I'm really pleased that the hard work put in by all the volunteers who run and offer their help at surgeries has been recognised by the **Prime Minister for a Big Society Award 2012**'.

You can find out more about the award and **Monica's** visit on the **kilo75** website [<http://kilo75.com/blog/post/big-society-award-for-social-media-surgeries.html>].



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Obituaries

Since the last publication of Darji Voice in March 2012, 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

| Names | Date Passed Away |
|---|--------------------|
| Mrs Maniben Ambelal Tailor of Palmers Green | 20th March 2012 |
| Mrs Laxmiben Mohanbhai Gulabivala of Bounds Green | 19th May 2012 |
| Mrs Dhanuben Lallubhai Tailor of Norwood Green | 15th June 2012 |
| Mr Pravinbhai Maganlal Tailor of Southgate | 18th July 2012 |
| Mr Sushilbhai Balwantbhai Darji of Leicester | 8th July 2012 |
| Mr Ramanlal Jagjivan Tailor of Luton | 8th September 2012 |

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 (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** for details.