



DMMUK

DARJI MITRA MANDAL OF THE UK

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Darji Voice

Presidents Message

Dear Community Members,

As we welcome the dawn of a new year, may it be filled with joy, prosperity, and countless opportunities for growth. Together, let's embark on this journey with unity and resilience, creating a tapestry of shared experiences that enrich our community. Wishing you all Happy New Year.

We're thrilled to announce our new website, a hub of excitement and information. Special thanks to **Pankaj N Tailor** and **Bharti Bhikha** for their invaluable contributions. Your dedication has truly elevated our online presence. Explore, engage, and enjoy the journey on our new digital platform. Our phase one will be ready for you to use by the end of February. Look out for our website launch email.

Our new website is an exciting learning curve for us. Please bear with us as we navigate this transition, and we appreciate your understanding if it temporarily affects our services. We're working diligently to ensure a seamless experience for all.

SAMMELAN SUNDAY 26th MAY 2024



We are thrilled to announce the return of the Sammelan event after a seven-year hiatus, and we cordially invite you to join us in making this year's gathering a resounding success!

The Sammelan serves as a celebration of our community's rich cultural heritage, a platform for meaningful dialogue, and an opportunity for connection and collaboration. We believe that by coming together, we can strengthen bonds, foster understanding, and build a brighter future for all.

Event Details:

Date: 26th May 2024

Time: 11.00 am

Location: Harrow Leisure Centre, Christchurch Ave, Harrow HA3 5BD

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 twice a year and is distributed to the community throughout UK.

This year's Sammelan will feature [highlights of the event, such as keynote speakers, cultural performances, workshops, etc. We are committed to creating an inclusive and engaging experience for attendees of all ages.

We invite you to be a part of this momentous occasion by:

- Attending the event and actively participating in the discussions and activities.
- Spreading the word to your friends, family, and network to help us reach a broader audience.
- Volunteering your time and skills to contribute to the planning and execution of the event.
- Sharing your ideas and suggestions to help us make the Sammelan even more impactful.
- Sponsoring the event or donating to help cover the costs.

Please mark your calendars and save the date. Together, let's make the return of the Sammelan a memorable and meaningful experience for our entire community.

More information and updates, will be coming via email soon or feel free to reach out to us at events@darjimandal.org.uk

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you at the Sammelan!

Pravin Jivan

President DMMUK



To hire our community centre hall, please ring the Booking Officer on 07956 401599.

Hall Caretaker: We are urgently seeking to hire a Caretaker into our team. It is a paid job and extensive training will be given. If you are interested, please ring Pravin Jivan on 07951 850727

Community News

Congratulation to Bhavin Dilip Bhagalia for writing one of the stories in THE ENCHANTED CHRISTMAS TREASURY BOOK!! He contributed and wrote one of the story in bringing together 24 tales for Advent by 24 authors, this beautiful treasury has a story written to charm everyone. Bhavin who is an Account Director for Education at LinkedIn, wanted to tell Christmas story from a British Indian character.

He wrote this story keeping in mind that we are not represented in Christmas stories generally even though we celebrate it as much as anyone else. Also, his children had recently moved schools and the main character is also in that situation, and by the end of the story they really find themselves and make new friends.

DMMUK are proud of Bhavin Bhagalia's achievement for his diverse contribution to these delightful stories for children.





Mayor Hiteshbhai at Jalaram Mandir

Mayor with group of Darji community

Mayor of Ealing, Mr Hitesh Tailor

A new Year Civic Service was held at Shree Jalaram Mandir in Greenford on Sunday 7th January 2024. The service was led by the Mayor's Chaplain, Achariya Shree Palkeshbhai Trivedi. The service was attended by 3 Ealing MPs, councillors, GLA Member, Indian High Commission, and many dignitaries.

DMMUK are proud and honoured to have witnessed the service presented by Darji Mayor.

We express our best wishes to Hiteshbhai. Together with President of DMMUK, Mr Pravin Jivan, other members present were former UK Hindu Forum President Mrs Bharti H Tailor, Mr Vinod B Tailor (OBE), Hanuman Dass (Mr Hemal Randerwala Go Dharmic) and other community members as well as Hiteshbhai's family.

We express our best wishes to Hiteshbhai.

81st Commemoration of S S Tilawa Tragedy

The first UK commemoration of the ill-fated S. S. Tilawa on 81st anniversary was held at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich UK. The SS Tilawa was a passenger cargo ship that was sunk by the Imperial Japanese Navy in late November 1942, with the loss of 280 lives. A 10,000-ton steamer, the Tilawa started its journey from Mumbai's Ballard Pier, with the goal of reaching Durban. From there, it would stop at Mombasa and Maputo. The ship carried nearly 1,000 people - 700+ passengers, 200+ crew, and 600 tons of cargo (including 60 tons of silver bullion).



Darji family members affected by Tilawa Tragedy at 81st commemoration.

On November 23, the Tilawa was torpedoed by the submarine I-29 of the Imperial Japanese Navy, near the Seychelles Islands. An hour after the first torpedo struck, the submarine fired again. The second torpedo sank the ship. 280 people went down with it.

Survivors spent two days adrift in the Indian Ocean without sufficient food and water. They were rescued by HMS Birmingham in the early hours of November 25. The Birmingham had been alerted about the sinking of the Tilawa and had changed course to rescue any survivors. The ship managed to save 674 lives. On November 27, Birmingham reached Ballard Pier in Bombay with the survivors.

As per our previous edition, we reported that there were 3 Darji survivors on that ship. Since then, other families have come forward about the survivors and those who lost their lives.

Survivors

Morar Jivan Chhotubhai Chhibabhai
 Haribhai Ganda Govindbhai Chhiba
 Parvartiben Kalidas

Non Survivors

Gopal Kuverji Narotam Bhagwan
 Icchiben Chhibu Mrs M. Dalal



DMMUK New Appointment : Health Officer; Bhartiben H Tailor

Bhartiben H Tailor has taken up a new position in DMMUK as a Health Officer. She hopes to make robust health committee and the organise events and awareness sessions for our community. She is looking for people who would like to join the committee and help with the Health related work.

If this is of interest to you, please write to her at:
bhartiben.tailor@darjimandal.org.uk
or drop a message on 07736704383.

You don't need a background in Health to help, it may be that, you are good resource investigator, or a bid writer with an interest in Health issues. If you are interested in helping the community with health-related issues, please get in touch.

Bhartiben has been nominated by IIW Inspiring Indian Women as this year's inspiring Indian Woman. DMMUK wishes her a massive congratulation and hope this will inspire women from our community.

DEMENTIA

Dementia is a term used to describe a set of symptoms linked with progressive neurological (brain) disorders and may include memory loss, difficulties with thinking, problem-solving or language.

Some of these symptoms might be small to start off with, but as dementia progresses, they may affect someone's daily life and tasks.

As a result of changes in the brain, a person with dementia may also experience changes in their mood or behaviour.

A common cause of dementia is Alzheimer's disease, but it's not the only cause. See: Causes of dementia. Although there are a few common symptoms of dementia such as memory loss, the specific symptoms the person with dementia experiences will depend on the part of the brain which was damaged and the type of disease which has caused the dementia.

Symptoms of Dementia

As each person is unique, their experience of dementia especially at early stages will be different from other people.

However, some of the cognitive symptoms (linked with thinking or memory) are quite common for someone who lives with dementia. They may experience difficulty with the following:

Day-to-Day Memory: Such as difficulty recalling events that happened recently, for example what someone had for breakfast.

Concentrating, Planning or Organising: That may include a difficulty with making decisions, solving problems or carrying out a sequence of tasks (for example cooking a meal or making a cup of tea).

Language: Such as difficulty in following a conversation or finding the right word for something.

Visuospatial Skills: This may include problems judging distances (such as on stairs) and seeing objects, such as patterns on a carpet, in three dimensions.

Orientation: Such as getting confused about where they are, if for example they have left the house, or losing track of the day.

A person with dementia will often experience changes in their mood. They may become frustrated or irritable, easily upset or anxious, or show withdrawal symptoms. Some types of dementia may bring hallucinations (seeing things that are not there) or delusions (believing in things which are not real).

As dementia is progressive, the symptoms will get worse with time. How quickly dementia progresses will vary from person to person. The person might develop certain behaviours which may seem unusual or out of character such as pacing or agitation. These changes in behaviour may cause distress to family or friends.

In the later stages of dementia, a person may develop physical symptoms such as muscle weakness, weight loss, changes in sleep pattern or appetite.

Causes of Dementia

There are many diseases that result in dementia. We are listing the most common illnesses below:

Alzheimer's Disease

Vascular Dementia

Mixed Dementia

Dementia with Lewy Bodies

Frontotemporal

While the symptoms of the above-mentioned dementia types vary in the early stages, in the later stages of an illness the symptoms are becoming quite similar. In the later stages of dementia, the person will need more and more support to carry out everyday tasks.

Many people with dementia live well for years after their diagnosis. There is a lot of information, advice and support available for the person with dementia and their support network (family, friends, carers) can help them live well with dementia.

What are the Symptoms of Dementia?

There are a number of symptoms that may point to dementia if they start affecting your daily life. We list them below:

- Struggle to remember recent events (such as what you have had for breakfast), although you can easily recall things that happened in the past,
- Find it hard to follow conversations or programmes on tv,
- Forget the names of friends or everyday objects,
- Struggle to recall things you have heard, seen or read recently,
- Regularly lose the thread of what you are saying,
- Leave objects in unusual places (eg keys in a bathroom cabinet),
- Have problems thinking and reasoning,
- Feel anxious, depressed or angry,
- Feel confused even when in a familiar environment or get lost on familiar journeys,
- Find that other people start to comment on your forgetfulness.
- What should i do if i am concerned about dementia?

If you are concerned that your or your loved one's memory is getting noticeably worse, please discuss your concerns with your GP.

Information supplied by Greensleeves care

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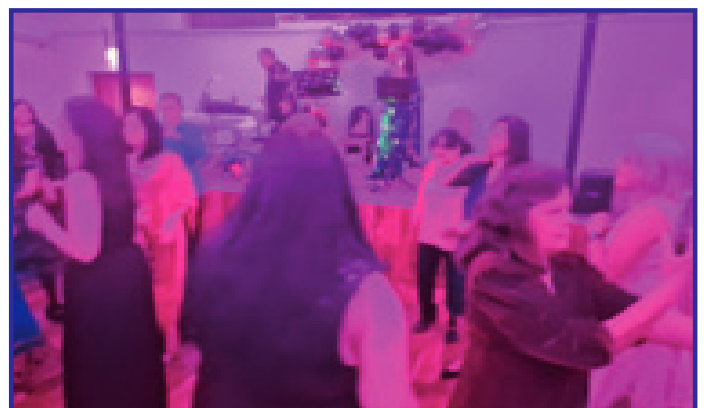
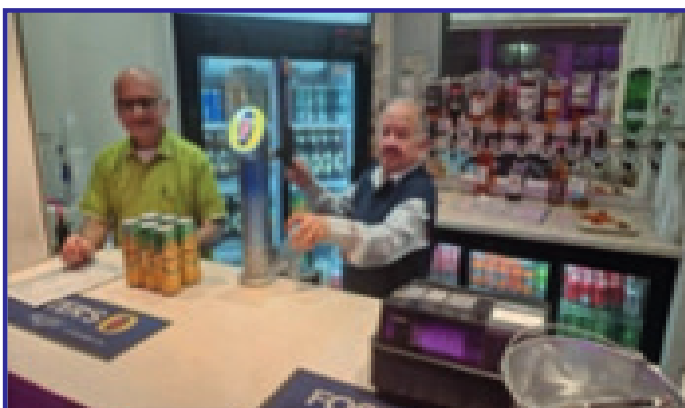
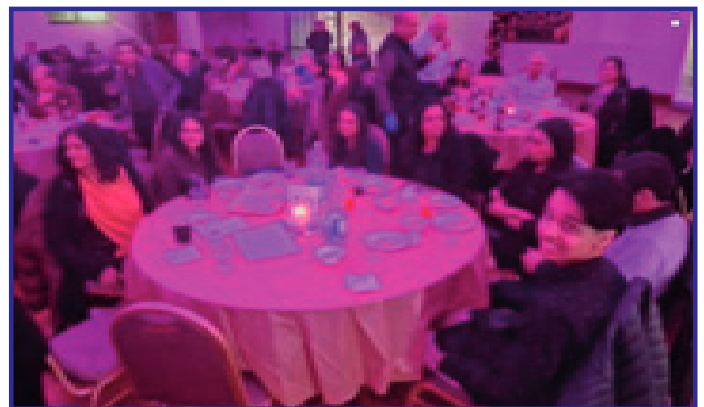
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New Year Eve



OUR FORTHCOMING EVENTS

60+ Lunch for Community Members

We are pleased to announce our most popular event for 60+ to be held at our Community Hall on Sunday 17th March 2024. To reserve your place, please email events@darjimandal.org.uk

Details of the event will be communicated by email nearer the time.

Hanuman Chalisa

Our annual Hanuman Chalisa event will be held at our Hall on Saturday 20th April 2024.

The entry is free for all with Maha Prasad after the event. More details will be send via email nearer the time.

Sammelan Sunday 26th May 2024

As mentioned above, Sammelan is back on agenda after 7 years of pause.

4 Days Coach Trip to Snowdonia and Blackpool

We are proud to organise a 4 days trip to See breathtaking Snowdonia Mountains and the fabulous lights and sights of Blackpool on Friday 6th to Monday 9th September 2024.

Please contact Shila Tailor on 07834 234 340

Prices

Adults: £395 Per Person (Based on sharing with 2/3 Adults)

Single Adult Supplement £560.00 Per Person

Bereavement Service:

Our Bereavement Service is highly valued in the community. To streamline communication, it is recommended that members call before emailing to ensure prompt responses.

Obituaries

Since the last publication of Darji Voice, the DMM of UK has been informed of the passing away of the following community members in the UK. The DMM of UK conveys our sincere condolences and sympathies to the families.

Date	Title	Name	Town
25/09/2023	Mrs	Kusumben Manilal Ghela	Isleworth, Middlesex
17/10/2023	Mr	Pranjivanbhai Ratilalbai Tailor	Leicester, Leicestershire
24/10/2023	Mr	Syam Dalpatram Tailor	Ilford, Essex
21/11/2023	Mrs	Chetna Bulsara	Leicester, Leicestershire
26/11/2023	Mr	Mansukhlal Jivanbhai Tailor	Leicester, Leicestershire
30/11/2023	Mrs	Manjulaben Bhagwandas Tailor	Finchley, London
27/12/2023	Mrs	Laxmiben Ishwarlal Dalal	Leicester, Leicestershire
08/01/2024	Mrs	Pushpa Dhansukh Tailor	Leicester, Leicestershire
11/01/2024	Mr	Kishore Ratilal Tailor	Hendon, London
27/01/2024	Mr	Rajnikant Nagin Narotam Naran	Southgate, London
01/02/2024	Mr	Bipin Thakorbbhai Gopalji	Gillingham, Kent
04/02/2024	Mrs	Bhanumati Shantilal Kalidas	Tring, Hertfordshire