

Leuva Patidar Samaj of London

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“To uphold a culture, where our past drives our future in order to embrace tradition and ancestry within a community who prides the old and embraces the new...with lots of fun on the way”

Welcome Members

Our energetic, enthusiastic dancing President and Vice President, Minesh and Tanuja have decided to step down in the last month after presiding over some significant, positive changes and a very busy last quarter in 2015.

Please do take the time to read their letters to all the members of LPSoL.

On behalf of the rest of the committee, trustees and I am sure the wider membership, please join us in showing our heartfelt thanks and appreciation of taking the LPSoL charity to the next level. Under their leadership, they have introduced us to the benefits of online and text tools and social media as well as swishy events!

Please do feel free to contact Minesh (Ruva) and Tanuja (Umrakh) directly – I am sure they would appreciate it and who knows, it will encourage them to come back as soon as their batteries are recharged!

But don't worry, unlike the Diwali show when they were dancing on stage, this month you can join them on the Dance Floor at our Sold Out Dinner and Dance.

All the best to them both in their health, career and personal lives.

This is a packed newsletter holding information on every aspect of life that LPSoL members hold dear – social events like the Dinner and Dance; charitable work for LPSoL and other good causes; having your voice at an AGM; religious events like Navratri and Diwali; and big birthdays and the bereavements when we all get to pull together and remind ourselves of what is truly important – our families.

Please come to the next AGM on Sunday 24 April 2016 as we want to further grow our committee and trustee team and expand their goals. In particular, at the AGM, we would like your view on two hot topics.

1 what types of social and cultural activities do our members need, as well as want; and 2 family dynamics – particularly, finding the right partner and the resurgence of the Samaj and parents' roles. DIY and online sites, including those targeting Indians, are struggling to match like-minded singles, looking to commit, because their databases are clogged with drifters who can only text & whatsapp!

Your LPSOL membership is not just our responsibility, but bringing the benefits of unity and addressing our members' concerns is also your birth right. So come to the AGM and mingle with fellow LPSOL-ers so we can work together, in unity, in bringing greater fulfillment in all our lives. We are both parents keen to ensure that, in today's digital age and hectic Londoners' lives we do not get distracted from who we really are. We are Leuva Patidars.

Acting President and Vice-President

Shaylesh Ishwerbhai (Sevani) and Anandbhai Rohitbhai (Moti Chovisi)



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Upcoming Events

The Year Ahead

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- ◆ Dinner & Dance 19th March 7pm - 1 am
- ◆ AGM 24.4.16 from 10:30am - 1:30pm
- ◆ LPS Sports Day in Coventry 3rd, July (Free Travel & Entry for Participants)
- ◆ May/June 2016 - LPSoL Elders All-Inclusive Holiday
- ◆ Navratri 1st - 9th October
- ◆ Poonam 15th October
- ◆ Diwali 3rd November
- ◆ Early/Mid December Kids Xmas Party



Navratri 2015

Bigger and Better

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Well we said we were going to introduce some major changes and that we certainly did for Navratri 2015 and what a success it was... We had the introduction of a new band, a new venue (Swaminarayan Kingsbury Mandir), food served everyday and not forgetting the all important new Mandir to contribute to last year's event.

We saw bigger crowds in comparison to last year on all days and had sell out days at the weekends. The atmosphere was more enthusiastic and energetic than previous years and the amount of positive feedback we received for the efforts and organisation put in by the team was overwhelming so thanks to those who took the time out to share your views.

It goes without saying that without the continued support of our Samaj members, these events would be a complete waste of time, energy and money so thanks to those who turned up most, if not all days to celebrate Navratri with us. Also a congratulations goes out to the new faces that also attended this year to support our Samaj. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed.

A massive thank you to all of our sponsors for Navratri 2015. This includes the sponsorship for food, Drinks, the new Mandir and of course our regular donations. Without these offerings, it is difficult to justify bigger better events... This year will be no different... We plan to make it more successful than last. Preps for Navratri 2016 are already underway and with two full weekends this year, we expect an even bigger turnout to hear our even better band . We are currently in talks with one of the highest quality bands in the UK to try a secure a 9 night deal with them and the smaller tasks involved in putting the event together have already begun. If you are interested in helping out at Navratri physically or financially (either sponsorship, donation or regular scheduled payment into the Navratri fund) please email

Samaj@londonsamaj.com. For further details on Navratri 2016 including dates and venue, please look out on our Facebook, Website and future newsletters.

We look forward to seeing many of you at this years event.

LPSoL Management Committee.



Diwali Extravaganza Some Snaps!





Diwali Extravaganza Update!

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Bollywood Extravaganza 2015

The 2015 Diwali show was the amazing culmination of months of hard work put in by the organising committee.

There was something to see, do and taste from the moment you entered the venue, from taste tingling canapés, thirst quenching mocktails to a Bollywood style rickshaw. Not forgetting the amazing jewellery stall by R K Collection, all whilst mingling with family and friends.

Going through to the main event area transformed you to Mumbai Filmcity, with Shahrukh Khan greeting the guests (OK, it was a cardboard cutout). The delightfully decorated tables and poster board were setting the scene for the night ahead. What a night it was. The nervous committee members started off the evening with our traditional opening prayers, then it was over to our beautiful compares to take over and host the unforgettable evening of entertainment. As we all know it's not easy getting the crowds attention, great effort ladies.

During the evening we had Jay Kumar take the children away to learn a dance routine, which they later performed excellently on stage. Well done to you all. Shahid and Abira, from Bend It Like Beckham, sang wonderfully throughout the evening, from golden oldies to modern day songs. During our starters we were entertained by our favorite magician, Bharatbhai, with table magic. All the ladies were taking notes and making wish lists during our first ever fashion show by R K Collection. The show stopper of the night came during Bhavesh, Payal and Karishma's second performance when they were joined by our very own President, Minesh, and Vice President, Tanuja, which bought the house down. Before finally ending our evening with our traditional raffle and awards, and for those that still had energy to burn, hitting the dance floor.

Not forgetting the fabulous food served by caterers Rajbhog, with the sumptuous Papdi Chaat going down especially well.

A special thanks goes out to our sponsors, Barclays, plus from our members Hitesh (Derod), Udai (Kharvasa), Babita (Kuched) Natvarbhai (Chikhli-Dungar) and Neha (Asta) & Some anonymous donors. Without people like you sponsoring parts of our events it would not have been possible. We were pleased to read your comments in the book that was passed around during the evening. Here are a few of them.

Laughter, Pleasurable, Social, Original, Lovely Evening

This should be worth at least £15 per person.

Compared to all the years before this one has been very different.

I loved doing my dance with Jay Kumar

Barclays Ladies:

Thank you for a wonderful experience, I loved the atmosphere, decorations and food. It was very special to be part of your celebrations. To be able to help and contribute to such a great cause.

Organising committee : Dipak, Tanuja, Sanjai, Mahendra, Raju and Sadhana

UK Sports Tournament

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LPS Coventry, Rugby and Nuneaton host....



UK Sports Tournament



2016



Date: Sunday 3rd July 2016

Venue: The Sports Connexion Leisure Club, Leamington Road, Coventry, CV8 3FL

Open to all members of any UK peta samaj—male AND female!!!!

5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL

- Teams of 7
Under 40s and Over 40s
categories
- £100 per team of up to 7 (includes
nasto, lunch and dinner)

BADMINTON DOUBLES

- Teams of 2—one male and one
female
- £30 per team of 2 (including
nasto, lunch and dinner)

Come and Support your peta teams for only £10 per adult and £5 per child (age 12 and under) - includes nasto, lunch and dinner



Events of the day:

10am-11am: Arrivals, registration and nasto

11am-5pm: Sports tournament

Light buffet lunch served

5pm-6pm: Break

6pm-8pm: Dinner and awards ceremony

Please contact Sonal (Coventry) to confirm attendance, with payment, by 30th April 2016—SPACES ARE LIMITED!

07866639979 / lanospatel@hotmail.com

LPSOL is funding the teams' entry fee and transport by mini-bus. Whether you want to enter a team or join the mini-bus convoy as a spectator, please register at samaj@londonsamaj.com by 30 April 2016 for free entry and transport



Kids Xmas Party

Christmas in the Jungle

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Christmas 2015 saw the return of our much anticipated kids event in the year, The Kids Christmas Party.

The Theme we went for this year was “Christmas in the Jungle” and what a roaring event it was, our lovely animal friends stole the show from Boa Constrictors to Tarantulas, and the kids thoroughly enjoyed meeting these guys. We are so impressed with the kids being so brave petting these animals, they really did have a blast. The day ended with Santa greeting the children and presenting them with their gifts.

Another successful Christmas Party and we are already looking forward to the next one.



Teamwork

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We have had a number of fantastic events since our last newsletter, with further detailed reports found inside this one. As a committee we recently attended a team building event along with the Trustees, at “Hint Hunt London”. This was a novel idea suggested and all who attended embraced the exercise. The actual event allowed committee members and trustees to participate in individual teams in a “Who Done It” activity, which needed team work to discover the perpetrator. An hour long event which went by far too quickly, with a number of the teams identifying the murderer and others who came very close. Comments received after the event from all was an imaginary event that needed us to work together to achieve an end goal. Stimulating event, with all embracing the concept, with individual talents that each of us demonstrated, to identify the murderer.

Want to be a part of this committee? Please contact us at samaj@londonsamaj.com, we want new and fresh ideas all the time so why not get involved, we promise you will not be asked to do anything that’s outside your comfort zone, even if you can spare an hour month is a bonus for us.



Dinner & Dance 2016

50 Shades of Blue

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DINNER & DANCE

SOLD OUT



Membership

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As you are all aware, the U.K. Samaj Directory is going to be published soon. The deadline to update your details or join is 31 March 2016. It is these details that will be used for the Directory. Please ensure your details are correct by this date as LPSOL will not be held responsible for any errors or omissions.

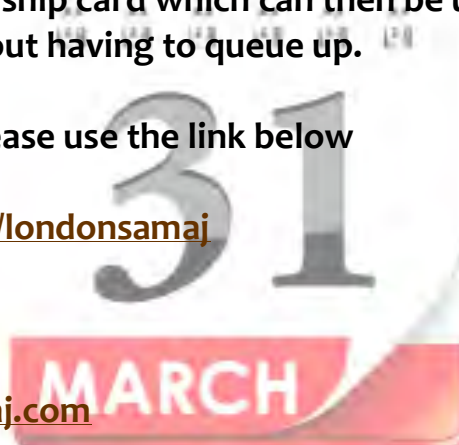
In order to make full use of your membership, please ensure that your photograph is uploaded. This can be done via you computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone. You will then receive a membership card which can then be used at all London Samaj events to gain access without having to queue up.

To amend, check or join please use the link below

<https://membermojo.co.uk/londonsamaj>

Or alternatively, email

membership@londonsamaj.com



The deadline to update or become a member of LPSOL, in order to be included in the UK Samaj Directory, is 31 March 2016.

Please use the link to ensure your details are correct or to join as LPSOL will not be held responsible for any errors or omissions.

Regards

Sadhana Patel
Vice Membership Secretary

LPS UK Diary

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DEADLINE!

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Special Funds Appeal

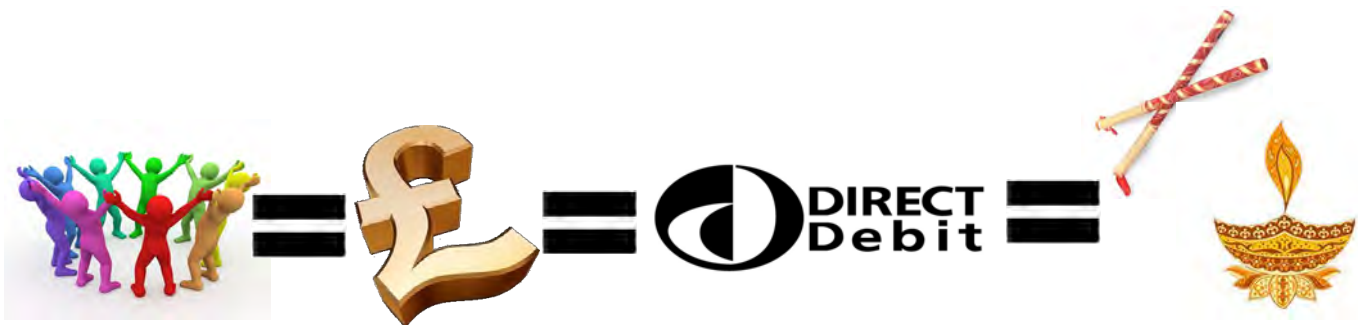
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Our Target

If just 40 donors, earning an average of £30k pa, gift-aid donated just 1% of their pay, then that £25 per month would pay for the £15,000 cost for all 9 nights of Navratri. Our Samaj is all about sharing and coming together as a community. It's as simple as that.

Similarly, 35 donors gifting £10 per month would cover the cost of our annual Diwali dinner

We hope many of our members would do this for our samaj and the City that has given them and their family the opportunity to thrive in their work, but still belong to a close knit community. Diwali and Navratri are traditionally the season for charitable acts – so please join us in spirit and action.



We would also like to continue sending our Aarti money to fund the renovation work in the Bardoli Area Community Schools by providing benches in the children's playground and sport facilities in order that the children there can benefit from the same sporting facilities that our children in England have been lucky enough to have had access to during their childhood.

Get InTouch and Support us Financially

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Special Funds Appeal

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THE LPSoL SPECIAL FUNDS APPEAL

The goal for 2016 is to raise funds to cover costs of two key events:

Navratri and Diwali.

To host events of 2015 standard and better, we hope that each of you are able to contribute a small monthly sum towards this great cause. This can be as small as £10 per month or as high as £50 per month (!)- every little helps

particularly as we can gift aid your money which currently enables us to claim a further 25 pence tax credit per £. Plus 300 companies in the UK match their staff's donations to registered charities like LPSOL, so please check with your work's HR department. So go ahead and set-up your Standing Order online or at your local bank and email treasurer@londonsamaj.com who will issue a donation receipt at the end of the tax year for your records.

Example:

30 members donating £25per month = £9000

(This pays for the Navratri Band)

30 members donating £10per month = £3600

(This pays for the Food at Diwali)

LPSoL are now a registered charity with JustGiving, we have made it easier for you to donate at a click of a button, please see below banner and you will see how easy it really is.

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AGM 2016 Have Your Say

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AGM 24th April, 2016

10:30am -1:30 pm

Building 3 North London Business Pk, Oakleigh Rd South,
New Southgate, London N11 1NP

<http://www.comerservicedoffices.co.uk/north-london-business-park/location/>

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2015 accounts

	charitable funds raised	charitable funds spent	charitable funds net	sponsors corporate	membership and donations and indiv sponsors	charitable arti expense	Net Total
Navratri	690.00	-19,628.77	-18,938.77	3,100.00	10,051.00		-5,787.77
Funday/Mela/Holi	0.00	-174.21	-174.21	0.00			-174.21
General All year			0.00	548.80	3,538.20	0.00	4,087.00
Diwali	1,575.00	-8,656.48	-7,081.48	6,000.00	1,021.00		-60.48
Bournemouth Seaside	360.00	-521.78	-161.78		20.00		-141.78
Jungle party	0.00	-110.00	-110.00	0.00	0.00		-110.00
Arti& Appeal collections	0.00	0.00	0.00		1,301.00	-1,301.00	0.00
Education & Training		-630.00	-630.00				-630.00
Christmas	399.03	-882.79	-483.76	1,000.00			516.24
Events total	3,024.03	-30,604.03	-27,580.00	10,648.80	15,931.20	-1,301.00	-2,301.00
Interest income							6,019.58
Gift Aid from HMRC							3,982.81
Other costs (inc insurance, posted newsletters and online costs)							-5,262.01
Surplus for 2015							2,439.38
Net Assets b/fwd							323,175.64
Net Assets at 31 Dec 2015							325,615.02

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Rajeshbhai Thakorbbhai (Toli) will be standing down as his tenure ends at this AGM.

At the forthcoming AGM we will be looking to ratify some of the positions of the current serving trustees. Once the ratification process has taken place trustees will be eligible to stand down and new ones can be elected and/or current trustees can reapply. We kindly request current Samaj members who wish to stand as trustees to please make an application in writing to the Secretary of the Management Committee prior to the AGM and preferably 2 weeks prior to the AGM which would give the committee adequate time to vet their application.

The further requirements to be eligible to apply for a trustee position are:

- Any member can be elected , who has served the Samaj as a Committee Member for a minimum of 2 years and whose attendance at the committee meetings has been more than two thirds of the total number of meetings held during his or her period of service. His or her name should be published with the notice of the Annual General meeting.
- Be at least thirty years of age (unless otherwise approved by the members present at the Annual General Meeting.
- Be a permanent resident of the united Kingdom.
- Be of high standing and responsibility in the Community.
- Have never been a bankrupt, convicted of a serious criminal offence or of unsound mind.
- No Trustee shall hold office for a period of more than five years, where upon, he or she must resign. The outgoing Trustee may stand for re-election for a further five years.
- Trustees who have previously served office shall be considered for re-election by the Managing Committee.

Further details will be made available upon request, via LPSOL secretary or any existing Trustee member.

At the AGM, the accounts (shown in summary form in this newsletter, the full set are at londonsamaj.com) will be presented to the members for approval.

Also, as normal at alternate AGMs, the entire current committee will be standing down and handing over to a new committee, made up of people keen to make their mark on society, by building a legacy that our LPSOL members can be proud of.

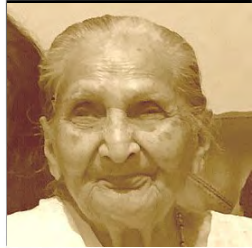
You don't have to join the main committee to help out. Bring and build your skills, network and socialise in whatever way suits you. That can be online or via meet-ups or through conference calls. Become part of the committee team or one of "Friends of the London Samaj" and what you get back will amaze you. Speak to any of the committee members or call Anand or Shaylesh to see what you might be able to do for your Samaj & what you will get out of it.



Announcements

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Unfortunately we have sadly lost the following members



Laxmiben Vallabhbai

Mori



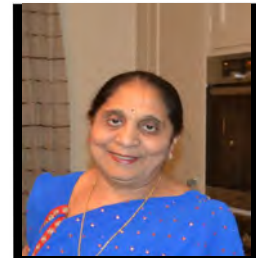
Natwarlal Ramanlal

Dastan



Maniben Chottubhai

Dhaman



Sarojben Mohanbhai

Hathuka



Gulabben Parshottambhai

Chokhad

**Sanjaybhai Narottambhai
Khoj**

Our deepest condolences go out to the
immediate and extended family.

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Announcements

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**Arvindbhai & Renukaben
(Vadhvania)**

**Would like to announce the birth
of their 5th grandchild.**

**Proud parents Keiran and Anika
and big sister Ishara are delighted
to have baby Suraiya as the new
addition to their family**



**Happy
100th
Birthday!**

Happy 100th Birthday

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We are proud to announce the 100th birthday of our beloved Father/Dada, Muljibhai Morarbhai Patel. Muljibhai was born on 1st April 1916 in Vadhvania, Surat, India and came to the UK in 1961. He is a great inspiration to his loving wife, the late Ramiben, his 6 children, 14 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren.

He is a very content, spiritual and independent person who believes that the key to happiness is to lead a simple life. He is admired by those who know him and despite his grand age, he continues to pursue his interests, spending much of his time devoting to God through reading and listening to Katha and bhajans.

We would like to wish him a very happy 100th birthday. You are an amazing being and we all love you very much.

Love Arvind&Renuka, Rahul&Emma, Keiran&Anika



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