

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 to the first newsletter for the year, we have had a number of terrific events since our last newsletter, with further detailed reports found inside. We made changes to cater for our changing requirements, as always we attempt to learn from valued comments that are provided.

Please do consider if you can help the Samaj and become part of an energetic team that delivers real value for our members, with cultural events along with modern concepts. The existing team has built on togetherness with camaraderie and with additional new volunteers, we hope to continue on with the good work done to date. The Leuva Patidar Samaj of London is your Samaj, therefore make it your Samaj. Your attendance at all our events is vital to the success and future prosperity of our Samaj.

Raju (Bajipura) secretary@londonsamaj.com.

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Upcoming Events

The Year Ahead



- ◆ Leuva Ladies Night Sat,20th May, 2017
- ◆ LPSoL Holiday (Greece) Sat 8-15th July, 2017
- ◆ Bournemouth Trip Sat 22nd July, 2017
- ◆ Leicester Sports Tournament Sat 5th August, 2017
- ◆ Navratri Thur 21st - Sat 30th Sept
- ◆ Poonam Sat 7th Oct, 2017
- ◆ Diwali Show Sat 4th Nov, 2017
- ◆ Kids Christmas Party TBC



Membership



As you are all aware, the U.K. Samaj Directory is going to be published soon. A deadline of 31st March 2017 had been set for any new members or if detail needed to be amended. As it is these details that will be used for the Directory. The contents printed in the London section of the new directory, will be in the same format as the last diary printed in 2010; siblings' names with month/year of birth will be printed.

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

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,
Minesh Patel
Membership Secretary



Fundraising



The Committee Team is well on it's way to organising various events for the year. As a member, please consider sponsoring part of, or a whole event. This can be done as individuals or as a group. If you wish to consider sponsoring then please feel free to come and talk to me or any committee member who will be more than happy to discuss options with you. We can give you ideas of what and how you support your Samaj.

If you are or know of someone who works for a large corporate company who may wish to sponsor Charities or have schemes that you can take up to fundraise and get the Charity of your choice sponsored then please come and see us and get involved. So whether you work for Vodafone, Tesco, Nationwide, Waitrose, any big or small company or have your own business find out and see if they want to be involved by giving back into the Community.

Aruna Ashok Patel (Pera)
Head of Fundraising



Navratri 2016

Bigger and Better



ઓક્ટોબર ૨૦૧૬ માં નવરાત્રીનો તહેવાર સ્વામીનારાયણ મંદિરમાં રાખવામાં આવ્યો હતો. સમાજના સભ્યો તેમજ મહેમાનોના સહકારથી આ તહેવાર ખુબ જ રમણીય હતો.

રવિવારના રોજ કૌટુંબીક સભ્યો અને બાળકો સાથે ગરબા-રાસ રાખવામાં આવ્યો હતો એનું પરિણામ પણ સુંદર આવ્યું અને આ વર્ષ પણ ફરી આયોજન કરીશું.

મિસ્ત્રી મ્યુઝીક દ્વારા સુરીલું સંગીતથી નવરાતની રમઝટ ખુબ જ સરસ રહી હતી. આ વર્ષ પણ આજ મ્યુઝીક ગ્રુપ હશે. અને જગ્યા પણ કિંગસબરી સ્વામીનારાયણ મંદિર જ રહેશે. વિગતોની જાણ સભ્યોને કરવામાં આવશે.

નવરાતની કમીટી સભ્યોએ દાનના ફાળા માટે તન મન થી મહેનત કરી સુંદર ફાળા ની રકમ ઉપજાવી હતી. એમના તરફથી દાનવીરોને દિલથી આભાર વ્યક્ત કરવામાં આવે છે.

નવરાત્રી તહેવારની ઉજવણી સાથે સરસ નાસ્તાની પણ સગવડ રાખવામાં આવેલ હતી. નવીનીબેન અને દિવ્યેશભાઈ (જલાલપોર) ની ખુબ જ મહેનતો આભાર વ્યક્ત કરવામાં આવે છે.

આ વર્ષ પણ આપ સર્વેને સાથ સહકારની અપેક્ષા રાખીએ છીએ.



Navratri 2016

Bigger and Better



Our Navratri celebrations held in October **2016**, was one of our best Navratri functions to date., held at the Swaminarayan Mandir in Kingsbury. Supported with our members and guests on all nine nights, especially with weekends being fully sold out.

Introducing the Family Garba Day was well received from our members and guests that attended with their family and lots of children. This was held on Sunday's and at a earlier time. Feedback was very positive, we are looking to repeat this for this year as well.

The band we had playing were called "Mistry Music" who played their hearts out each night and we are hoping to have them play for us this year as well.

The management committee would also like to send a special thanks to all our sponsors for Navratri. Another record breaking year for all donations for our Samaj. This shows great commitment and dedication from our members to support our events.

Along with the Navratri celebrations we had some great food being served for our members, this was from Naliniben and Divyeshbhai (Jalalpore), special thank to you for all your hard work in preparing and making sure our members/guests don't go hungry.

At present we will be holding Navratri celebrations at the same venue and with the same band, details for booking are being worked on. In the mean time, we would really like to get your feedback on the event, from how many days we should do the event for? Times of the event? Music for the event Etc.... Look forward to seeing you all in September 2017 for Navratri.

11 Nights of Garba , including 3 Saturday nights : 21-30 Sept and Saturday 7th Oct, 2017

Last Years Band has been Confirmed

Looking to work with other local samaj's , if you have any contacts please contact your local committee member on samaj@londonsamaj.com



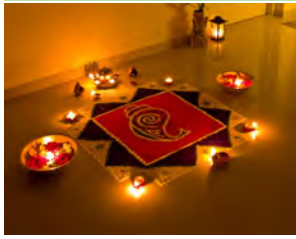
LPSoL Has Talent Diwali 2016



Save the date For 2017 – Saturday 4th Nov



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LPSoL Has Talent Diwali 2016



The 2016 Diwali show was the culmination of months of hard work put in by the organising committee. We failed to attract the talent that we have in the samaj, with only three acts coming forward, hence the plans needed to change.

As guests entered there were taste tingling canapés, thirst quenching champagne (non-alcoholic) and tropical juice, all whilst mingling with family and friends.

Going through to the main event area were delightfully decorated tables, with scheme of white table and chairs; with an ornament in the middle. The anxious committee members with the support of Mani Kaki started off the evening with our traditional opening prayers, then it was over to our beautiful comperes 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.

The first element of the show was to share the meaning of Diwali, which was delightfully conducted by Minal Patel. This was particularly focused on sharing the meaning with children who attended. This certainly grabbed their attention, as we had over twenty children wanting to do rangoli drawings. Nothing to do with the mentioned prize at the end, of chocolates! Thanks to the Barclays ladies who assisted our two committee members with this.

The evening had a comedian who recited jokes in Gujarati and music provided by Bobby.

There were messages that the President and Vice needed to share with the audience, as this is one of the times that they get to do this. Anand Thank You for this!

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 Paisley Gold, with the sumptuous kofta curry going down especially well. Shame the replenishment of roti was not on form.

A special thanks goes out to our sponsors, Barclays. Without corporate sponsorship of our events it would not have been possible.

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

LPSoL Supporting at National LPS Tournament



Judgemeadow Community College, Marydene Drive, Leicester, LE5 6HP

Football Tournament (Male)

16 and under (6-a-side on 3G Pitch)

17 to 35 incl. (6-a-side on 3G Pitch)

Over 35's (6-a-side on 3G Pitch)

Netball Tournament (Females)

One age category only (7-a-side ladies tournament

Indoor)

Spectators - An area has been booked to allow spectators to “mingle” through some organised activities and carrom boards, cards, games, etc shall be made available for spectators to keep them occupied. A charge of **£15** to cover transportation per seat is applicable to reserve a place. The price includes breakfast, lunch, entry to the after-party and transportation from London to Leicester & back. Advanced reservation applies.

Tickets purchased for the seaside trip to Bournemouth and this event together, then a reduced charge of £10. per seat will apply for this event.

Coaches to leave Hanger Lane at 07:30am and return back to London at approximately 22:00

After Party - The trophy presentation and after-party shall be held at: **Mansah Restaurant, 28 Dysart Way, Leicester, LE1 2JY (from 6.30pm)**

Anyone interested in joining one of the teams above and more importantly representing LPSOL, please contact: **Rajubhai 07867832163 / Alisha 07455236223**

Interested spectators are also encouraged to contact those mentioned above, to make a reservation. Closing date 30th June to register interest.

All participants representing LPSOL will be granted **free** entry to the event.

Bournemouth



This year, the committee have decided to organise a coach trip to Bournemouth. The committee have co-ordinated this trip with Leicester LPS Samaj, who will also be going to Bournemouth on the same day, so this promises to be a great family day out. We have also asked Luton LPS Samaj and they look like they will also be coming along on the day.

As well as boasting 7-miles of award-winning golden beaches, there are plenty of things to do in Bournemouth, including exploring over 2000 acres of gardens and parks, wildlife centres, aquariums, theme parks and plenty of shops. For more information about what there is to do in Bournemouth, please visit: [www.bournemouth.co.uk /things-to-do](http://www.bournemouth.co.uk/things-to-do).

To reserve your £10pp tickets or if you require any further details, please contact:

Mahendra Bhai: 07896 310 155 Or Anand: 07903 502 155

Please note that we are only planning on taking one coach at the moment (limited to about 50 seats) so please reserve your tickets as soon as possible.

Departing at 8.00am and returning back around 9.00pm. There will be one pick up and drop off, which is to be confirmed.

Tickets priced at £10.00 each for all on the coach, this is a LPS London Event for members only. This is a joint event with Leicester and we will be asking Luton if they want to join us as well.

As you know we also have the UK Samaj Sports Tournament in Leicester. If tickets purchased in advance for Bournemouth Trip and Leicester Sports tournament, then a combined ticket of £20 per person. A combined ticket must be purchased before 22nd July.



President's Special Member Award



LPSoL's President's Award

This is a new award to recognize a good citizen, a Samajic member. Someone whose values and actions are an example of what a "good" life looks like.

In this, the first year and first award, the joint winners are two sisters whose families and lives have followed a similar and fulfilling life. In the nomination process, glowing feedback from their children, spouses and a 100 year old great grandfather, amongst others shows just how much these 2 sisters are admired and respected.

The 2 sisters have had the privilege of looking after their in-laws for much of their lives. These family values from their Fiji childhood are also what hold their children and grandchildren's families together. Luckily, the 2 husbands, Kantubhai and Arvindbhai are good sports and like all most married men, know that women make the home.

They were not upset by the fact that they are not the winner of the award. Congratulations to Renukaben and Vanitaben, who care or have cared for their in-laws whilst juggling life as wives, mothers, grandmothers and members of our extended family in the Samaj and being model citizens.

And finally, thank you to the winners' family members who helped put the presentation and awards together, without letting the secret out!



Leuva Ladies



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Ladies NIGHT



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Book your tickets by 16th May, 2017



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Kids Xmas Party



LPSOL ended **2016** with the usual fun for kids at our Xmas party, at the Happy Tree Nursery in West Drayton – courtesy of Kaushikaben Bharatbhai (Sarai). Thank you for your kindness.

As well as **22** children aged **0-10**, we also entertained and fed a similar number of parents, grandparents and helpers on the day.

Thanks again to the Kingsbury catering crew - Hansamami (Nogama Pardi), Pritiben (Sarai) and Daxaben (Chikhli Dungar) for the hands on help provided.

A huge thank you to our Santabhai Clausbhai for delivering the all important gifts to our little guests. Our appreciations go out to Barclays for their generosity and Tesco for donations of gifts.

Thank you to all our volunteers committee and non-committee without such events would not be possible. Naliniben (Jalalpore) for the donation of Indian food items.

Please let us know early what ideas you have for our children, our future, for next summer and next Xmas – all ideas and preferences welcome – panto; film or going to an Indoor Adventure Play area etc –

please share your thoughts at secretary@londonsamaj.com

Preeti Shaylesh Patel (Sevni)

(Vice Secretary)



Dinner & Dance 2017

See the pics

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/londonsamaj/>



On behalf of our group of about 15 from Leicester, I would personally like to thank the LPSOL Committee for hosting a great Masquerade Party. It was a thoroughly enjoyable night with a good choice of venue and entertainment, great selection of food and excellent hospitality from London Samaj.

The convenience of having a hotel only a few minutes' walk from the venue, coupled with the fact that many of the London Samaj members also stayed there too, really made it a great social day out (weekend really!) for all of us.

As well as being a well organised and enjoyable social evening, let's not forget that the event was held to raise money for your two worthwhile chosen charities - Well done on raising such large amounts for both!

We are already looking forward to next year's event and hopefully will encourage a lot more family and friends to attend.

Once again, a big "thumbs up" to London Samaj!!!

Mitesh Patel, LPS Leicester





London Marathon 2017



The London marathon is a 26.2 mile race held every year. It involves running past some of the capitals great landmarks such as Big Ben and Buckingham Palace. This year the race was held on 23 April.

When Kiran first approached me about running the Marathon I wasn't quite sure what to expect. Sure it was a daunting prospect, but the way I saw it was that no one really knows if they can do anything if they've never attempted it. All it takes is a little determination and the ability to put one leg in front of the other!

Running the London marathon was one of the most exhilarating experiences of my life. It is the truest test of heart and endurance.

Nothing can quite compare to the roar of the London crowd as I crossed the finish line. It is an accomplishment nobody could describe without having achieved it. I can only encourage others to

attempt it.

I completed my first marathon with minimal training and finished in 5 hours 24 minutes. Kiran Patel also completed what was incredibly his ninth marathon. A quite incredible achievement!

By doing so, and with the help of family & friends we are on course to raise over £4,000 for a children's charity called Phab Kids.

Phab Kids do tremendous work aiming to help children from all walks of life. These children are undoubtedly the true winners here.

No child deserves to be neglected and the money raised will allow many kids, with and without disabilities to make more of life together." - Ryan Patel - Bajipura



Birth Announcements



Proud parents Bhavik + Sonal Yadav (umrah) + big brother Yash are pleased to announce the arrival of Siya as the new addition to their family



Big sister Amaya would like to introduce her new sister

Shreya,

Daughter of Heenaben + Rikeshbhai Rameshbhai (Adada)

and London grandparents

Kantubhai and Vanitaben (amadpore)

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Announcements



Unfortunately we have sadly lost the
following members

Taraben Jagubhai Patel
Amadpore/Tarbhon 25.11.16

Urmilaben Bhagubhai, Kumbariya
3.3.17

Kishorebhai Bhikabhai Patel, Sevni
29.3.17

Shantiben (Sarlaben) Manibhai Patel,
Tarbhon 5.10.16

Hasmukhbhai Vallabhbhai Hirabhai,
Soyani. 8.3.17

Bhikhabhai Nathubhai Patel, UNN (USA)
19.3.17

Govindbhai Jogibhai Patel, Kuched
19.11.16

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

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2018



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2018



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Tour Dates : 12th Sep 2017 &
6th Mar, 15th May, 11th Sep
2018

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