



Monthly Newsletter

September 2024



NAVRATRI 2024

THUR 3RD OCT - SAT 12TH OCT (7:30PM-11:00PM)

@KENTON HALL

A Festival of Devotion, Dance, and Joy

Navratri is celebrated over 9 nights, honouring divine feminine energy and different forms of Goddess Durga. Each day is dedicated to one of her 9 avatars, symbolising the triumph of good over evil. Participation in lively Garba and Dandiya dances is a must for this festival and don't worry - GAA London have got you covered!

Events and Celebrations

Our community Navratri events include:

- Daily Garba & Dandiya Raas
- Special Aatham Celebration with prayers and extended garba
- Bala Navratri: Our children's garba
- A Seniors garba event

Ticket information

- Free for paid members and their children in full-time education
- Non-members welcome
- 10 day pass (including Aatham) costs £27.50 per person
- Off-peak days cost £5.00 per person
- Peak days (including Aatham) cost £7.50 in advance or £10.00 at the door
- Children under 12 enter for free

For inquiries, email info@gaalondon.org.uk

We look forward to celebrating Navratri with you, filled with music, dance, and lots of joy.

****P.S.****

Bring your friends and family along because Navratri is all about unity and celebration!
Jai Ambe

Introducing Rhythm and Raas

If you've joined GAA London's Navratri celebrations before, you're familiar with the incredible music that brings the event to life. This year, the talented live band, now officially named "Rhythm & Raas," returns to blend traditional Garba and Dandiya tunes with contemporary hits. Get ready for vibrant, unforgettable nights filled with electrifying music!



What to Expect from Rhythm and Raas

- High energy performances that will keep you dancing all night.
- Music that caters to all age groups and musical tastes.
- Have a favourite song? The band will be taking requests to give you a truly interactive experience.

Meet the Band

- **Team Leader and Vocals:** Pankaj Solanki
- **Keyboard and Vocals:** Paresh Virji
- **Lead Vocals:** Usha Pomal:
- **Vocals:** Sandip Virji, Bhagwati Umeria, Pooja Sidpura, Nina Bagga:
- **Percussion:** Jatin Sidpura, Kirti Pomal, Sharad Pomal, Balu Chauhan:
- **Dhol & Dholak Player:** Rahil Pomal & Manoj Kakkaya
- **Sound Technician:** Sanjay Miyanger

HIGHLIGHTS FROM AUGUST

Ladies Social Club Henley on Thames



Another successful trip organised by **Kala Parmar** for our GAAL ladies group. On a glorious day, 54 women headed by coach from Kenton Hall to Henley upon Thames. The ladies enjoyed a wonderful 2 hour boat cruise heading towards Marlow and back again. The group enjoyed a yummy lunch on the Thames!

GAKM (Mahasabha) Golf Event at Collingtree GC - 31st August



28 golfers from Mahasabha centres participated in the annual golf event in Northamptonshire, split into teams representing the North and South of England. After enjoying a breakfast together, the match play competition began. The North team narrowly won with a score of 4-3.

The day concluded with a meal at an Indian restaurant, where the merriment of the day continued into the late hours. Golfers from various centres enjoyed the opportunity to connect and are eagerly anticipating next years event.

Special thanks to **Satish Chauhan** and **Danny Parmar** for hosting, sponsoring refreshments and their warm hospitality.

Upcoming Events

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| 17th September
(Tuesday) | Senior Citizen Luncheon
Sponsored by Mrs Jasodaben
Gulabbhai Chauhan & family
Contact Somchand Parmar on 07753 759747 |
| 28th September
(Saturday) | GAA Golf Society Event at Wycombe Heights
Contact Sanjay Gohil on 07843 601748 |
| 29th September
(Sunday) | Shraad Bajans at Kenton Hall
Sponsor- Indiraben Bhadresh Arya & Family
Contact- Sharda Pardiwalla on 07733 330 191 |
| 3rd October -
12th October | Navratri Celebrations at Kenton Hall
Contact info@gaalondon.org.uk |
| 23rd November
(Saturday) | Singles Meet & Greet
Contact- Narendra Morar on 07803 288157 or Panna Amliwalla on 07958 237302 |
| 15th December
(Sunday) | Children's Christmas Party
Contact: Prash Chauhan on 07590 535433 |

Diwali Basket Brigade- Saturday 26 Oct. 2024



Thank you to those that have volunteered to help pack food parcels for families in need.

Can you help raise £1,000!

To buy essential food items we would like your help in contributing towards this target.

Please visit our GAAL
Justgiving page via the link/QR code.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/gaafordiwaliFoundation>

For any queries please contact
Dee Vara on 07951 726958

Save the Date!

Singles Meet and Greet - 23rd November

Looking to connect with new people, make friends or potentially meet someone special? Join us for an evening of fun, conversation and new connections. Whether you're looking for "the one" or just a great time, this is the event for you!

Dress to impress and bring your smile - you never know who you might meet! Stay tuned for more details!

Introducing our Men's Social Club

A welcoming space where men of all ages come together to relax, socialise and build connections. The club offers a wide range of activities to suit every interest. It's the perfect opportunity to share experiences and create new friendships in a laid-back enjoyable environment.

Contact **Uttam Parmar** on **07951 561 996** for more information

GAKM New Committee- 2024



Back Row: Board of Trustees: Shashikant Chouhan, Bipin Parmar, Rashmi Parmar, Pradeep Bodhani, Jasuben Chauhan (not present).

Front Row: Pradeep Chavda, Mitesh Chouhan (VP), Hershey Champaneri (Sect), Panna Amliwalla (AS), Mahesh Parmar (T), Jitesh Chauhan (AT), Hitesh Chavda (Sports Chair), Kiran Parmar (Sports).

Congratulations to Pradeep Chavda and Panna Amliwalla both of GAA London for being elected as President and Asst. Secretary of GAKM (Mahasabha)



Kids Corner!

We're looking forward to **Bala Navratri** this year on **Saturday 12th October**. Last few Members tickets left! please contact **Dee Vara** on **07951 726958** or **Preeti Gohil** on **07939 636747**.

Keep your eyes peeled next week for information about an additional children's event we are planning for that same day. Can you guess the event using the riddle below?

*I'm a special gathering, with light in the air,
Where flames dance bright and we all say a prayer.
We chant sacred words, offering petals and rice,
For wisdom and peace, it's calm and so nice.
With ghee and wood, the fire we feed,
Can you guess this event? What do we need?*

Student Bursary and High Achievers Awards

GAAL wish to recognise students who are starting a degree course in 2024 by offering £100 bursary. For applications please email secretary@gaalondon.org.uk.

In addition, GAAL would like to recognise high achievers within our Community. We would like to hear from younger and older members who are achieving great things behind the scenes.

Please contact **Kamlesh Vara** on **07796 940057** for more information

Volunteering & Contributions

- If you are interested in contributing to the monthly newsletter, please contact **Seema Parmar** on **07944 305750**
- If you would like to Volunteer or provide help in any way at GAAL please contact **Kamlesh Vara** on **07796 940057**

Walking Football!

Walking football is a fun and safe way for players of all abilities, ages and genders to enjoy football.

We want to start 6-a-side teams to play at Kenton Hall, midweek. Demand is expected to be high so please call **Pradeep Chavda** on **07802 400404**, if you are interested in taking part. We would like Ladies to sign up too!

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