

WE MISS YOU!!!!!!!

We hope everyone is well! It has been a long time since we have all met each other, and as lockdown eases the Committee is considering ways we can get together. For now, we shall continue to play safe and hold events online...

One thing Covid has taught (and reminded) us is the importance of Community! It is heart-warming to know that we are a close knit and supportive Community that does care for each other with strong historic and familial and friendship bonds.

The Committee is keen to organise a get together where we can just talk and hug and eat and catch up!

Please check our website (www.bmuk.org) - it is regularly updated for news and announcements.



Mehfil Event – 21 August 2021, 7.00pm to 9.00pm, online



Our Bhajan event, hosted on Zoom, in March was a great success. It was fantastic to see so many people and even get to talk a little!!!

Building on this current alternative of socialising, we are hosting a relaxed evening of great songs sung by talented performers: the wonderful Marina and Melody Express.

Please join in to the **BMUK Mehfil** on Saturday 21 August 2021 on Zoom between 7.00pm to 9.00pm.

The meeting ID **880 5016 8604** and Passcode is **12345**.

Please let family members know!! We look forward to seeing you (albeit in little Zoom squares!)

Navaratri/ Garba – 9th, 16th and 23rd October 2021

Currently the we are holding Navaratri on Zoom, between 7.00pm and 9.00pm. We are trying to get live group to perform – if online, the group could be one based in India!

If we are able, we intend to hold Navratri in a hall. We will monitor the Covid situation and government advice - Please check the website (www.bmuk.org) for updates.

Dates for Navratri:

- Saturday 9th October
- Saturday 16th October (for Dussehra)
- Saturday 23rd October (for Sharad Poonam)

Details of the 'Zoom ID & Passcode' or venue details will be available nearer the time. Please check the website



COVID Collection

Thank you to all the generous members who have contributed towards the BMUK COVID-19 fund. We have collected just over £1,200.

BMUK will match the amount and donate the funds to a Charity. We are in process of identifying a worthy Charity doing effective work in the Covid field, whether preventative or supportive. Any suggestions are welcome, please do contact a member of the Committee.

We were hoping to raise much more and we still can. It would be great to raise over £2,000! Please consider making a last minute donation!!

It's easy. Just transfer to the BMUK account.

Account Name: **BRAHAMKSHATRIYA MANDAL UK**

Bank: TSB; Sort Code: 77-91-21; Account Number: 25454860

Let's see what we can achieve by 31st August 2021!!



Subscriptions

Sadly, there was no Diwali meeting in 2020. We informed members in previous newsletter that the £15 subscription (for 2021) was waived due to these unusual circumstances and because we were not holding any events.



We sincerely hope things become normal for 2022. Toward the end of this year, we shall again review how to manage next years events.

Suggestions are always welcome!

We always welcome donations and all funds are put to very good use.

Update on Ajay's Bike Ride



Ajay completed the UK COPS charity bike ride from 4th June to 7th June 2021. The ride involving a mixture of serving and retired police officers cycling approximately 300 miles in 3.5 days. The route was a round trip from London to Cambridge to Silverstone race track to Woking and then to end at the Police Memorial in The Mall.

The riders were joined by ex-England rugby players Martin Johnson, Andy Goode & Austin Healy; and ex-Commonwealth cycling champion Chris PRITCHARD.

Ajay raised £300 and his team together raised £17,000.

Congratulations!!!!!!

Ajay will be doing the London to Paris bike ride next July 2022

If you are raising funds for a charity through an endeavour like this, do let the Committee know and let us help spread the word on the website – We feel proud that our Community members are doing good deeds – and we can all play a part by supporting such efforts...



COPS is a charity that supports the families of police officers and staff who have lost their lives on duty. Their website can be found at

<https://ukcops.org/> for information.

Ajay is also a member of the Metropolitan Police Hindu Association.



Committee Members

We still have one vacancy for Committee members. We welcome anyone who is dynamic, has ideas, wants to support and lead a fantastic Community and wants to improve, practise or share the skills they have...

Share the love

Please can you share this flyer and ask all members of the family to read it. Please can you ask aunts, uncles and cousins if they've received it. Please do check the website regularly. And please do join in our events.

We know the importance and value of Community, more so now. We are stronger together. We can share anything and so be securer and happier. Let's revitalise BMUK and let's be together. The Committee are determined and driven to create a new normal. Please join in, play your role and be part of something unique and wonderful.

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