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Dear Members

School holidays have come and gone and the Committee and Trustees hope you are all in good health and had a good break and made the most of the holiday season and summer weather (whilst it lasted at least).

We are so looking forward to welcoming you and your family over the coming months to the next few events, the details of which are summarised below and will be posted on our website. Some events will also be open to non-members and friends

Navratri 2024 – Venue Arya Samaj Hall. 69 Argyle Road West Ealing W13 0LY

We will have 3 separate days of celebrations this year to be held on

Saturday 5th October: 6.30pm to 11.00pm

Saturday 12th October 5:00 PM to 11:00 PM as there will be a **Shanti Havan 5:00 to 6:30PM** by Arya Samaj Shashtriji. Those who want to attend please join by **4:30 PM**. This will be followed by our usual garba/raas.

Saturday 19th October (Sharad Purnima) 6.30pm to 11.00pm

Navratri is a great opportunity to show off your colourful and/or traditional dress sense and of course your best garba and dandiya raas styles - all to live music being arranged for your enjoyment. Please remember the dress code for Sharad Purnima is traditionally white dress.

Light snacks (privately sponsored) will be served **6.30pm to 8.00pm** on each night followed by garba/dandiya raas from **8.00pm** sharp. Please remember to bring your own dandiyaas as there may not be enough spares for all.



Aarti will be held around **10.30pm** and as with previous years a donation of £11 per thali is requested for each Aarti performed and thalis will be provided, if required.

This event is also open to non-members and friends so the more, the merrier to help us celebrate Navratri.

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Diwali meeting and AGM

The annual BMUK Diwali Meeting & Annual General Meeting will be held on

Date: Sunday 17th November 2024, 12.00pm – 7.00pm.

Venue: Croft Hall, Kingsbury High School, Kingsbury. London NW9 9AT

Please note: There will be another function in the hall next door so parking may be busy but there is an overflow car park - entrance is via Stag Lane or Bacon Lane, off Princess Avenue. There is also limited but free parking spaces on streets nearby. The Venue rules provide that we keep a register of everyone in attendance.

The day's programme is as follows:

12.00 – 13.00 Arrive, Meet and Greet in the hall.

13.00 – 15.00 Lunch served

15.00 – 15.30 Committee Reports, Announcements and Election for Committee members

15.30 – 17.00 Magic show.

17.00 – 18.30 Karaoke and Raffle draw

18.30 – 19.00 Goodbyes and close.

At the Diwali meeting we will be collecting annual membership subscriptions as usual. For this year we hope to have face painting for the children subject to numbers if you can simply let us know if your child(ren) will be attending by emailing a committee member.

Elections—You, the members, must elect (or re-elect) a committee which includes between 5 and 9 people. Nomination forms will be available on the BMUK website (www.bmuk.org) and on the day of the meeting until 2pm only. Alternatively, you can email your nomination to the Committee Secretary at rajesh.ashra@bumk.org

To be on the Committee you must be a fully paid-up member, over 18.

Raffle—Any contributions towards the raffle prizes are welcome. If you wish to donate a prize for the raffle draw, please contact a member of the Committee.

We do ask for some volunteers to help out for the Meeting - it's a great way to socialise and get to know others and do your bit for BMUK. If you wish to volunteer and assist on the day, please do contact a committee member preferably in advance – all help is welcome!

Sponsorship—If you would like to sponsor/ contribute to the Diwali Meeting or any part of it (e.g., lunch), please contact a member of the Committee.

