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## Wishing All SKA Members a Very Happy New Year

What a whirlwind of a year we have had yet again, but last year (2021), we had a lot more to celebrate about. As most people had been double vaccinated, we were happy to hold quite a few events in the last quarter of the year.

## SKA are pleased to announce the Pramukhs for the 60th Mahotsav



We are super excited to announce the Pramukhs (yes you read right, it's plural) for the 60th Mahotsav. Naina Pravin Kapadia, Anila Dilip Motiram and Rita Bhupendra Khatri. These three lovely ladies have just turned 60, and how wonderful it is, they will be gracing this milestone occasion as Pramukhs.

The venue and more information on the Pramukhs to be, on this grand Mahotsav will be published in the next newsletter, but we couldn't wait to break this news to you. **In the meantime please save this date: Sunday, 21 August 2022.** 



Yes, the time has arrived for elections again at the Mahotsav this year. Have you been thinking of joining us? Do you think, what a dynamic team and I want to be part of it? Do you think to yourself, "I can make a change and have something to offer and give back to the community?" **Well this is your chance to join us!** You can be a member or a co-op member.

We would like new young blood, or even someone from the older generation, someone who has been in the Mandal before, to join us and make the difference.

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# Navratri Review

We started off with Navratri which was well attended, given everyone was a bit apprehensive, with it being the first event to be held after 18 months! The event was great, with a vibrant atmosphere. We had followed all Government guidelines, tests were checked at the door, and the event went off without a hitch.

The band was absolutely amazing and got everyone tapping and doing the garbas. The food was catered by Masala Caterers, there was jalebi fafda, sambar, vada pav and samosas.

It was great seeing those who were able to attend our annual Navratri event and thank everyone who supported us and gave us encouragement to hold further events.





# **Children's Christmas Party**



We had dropped off all those lovely toys you had donated to the children's ward at the Barnet General Hospital. The gifts were well received and the staff were really appreciative of the kind gesture from our community.

We would like to thank each and everyone that donated a gift, and want you to know, you have made a difference to someone else's Christmas this year. Well done!! The Christmas Party was so much fun and all the kids who attended had a great time and appreciated it. Again all precautions were taken to the point of having the skyline windows left ajar for air circulation and precautions.

We had a fantastic entertainer, games, food, a jovial Santa, and to top that, some of the kids brought a gift to donate to the hospital.

#### Thank You letter from Royal Free Hospital Galaxy Ward





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In loving and everlasting memory of Late Vinal Chandrakant Solanki

who passed away on 3rd May 2021 at age of 47 years.

He was husband of Urmi Vinal Solanki and father to Mohini and Mohit Solanki and son to Nirmala Chandrakant Solanki

The family would like to thank everyone for there support during this difficult time. Our deepest sympathies and prayers go out to their family and friends. Om Shanti Shanti Shanti.

SKA would like to thank Late Vinal Solanki's family for their kind donation of £51.00

### In loving and everlasting memory of Late Vanita Balkrishna Damania

who passed away on 17th December 2021 at the age of 80 years.

She was the wife of Balkrishna Bhagwandas Damania Mother of Son - Kiran Damania / Avanee Damania (daughter-in-law) Son - Ketan Damania / Daksha Damania (daughter-in-law) Son - Deepak Damania / Rosana Damania (daughter-in-law) Grandchildren - Anuj Damania, Poppy Lee (Granddaughter-in-law), Ria Damania, Gregory Evans (Grandson-in-law), Akshay Damania, Neelam Damania & Kiran Damania

The family would like to thank everyone for there support during this difficult time. Our deepest sympathies and prayers go out to their family and friends. Om Shanti Shanti Shanti.



SKA would like to thank Balkrishna Damania Family for their kind donation of £51.00

# **Social Evening**

We are delighted to announce that we shall be having the first Friday on **Friday, 4th February 2022** at SKA Hall from **7pm.** 

Price: £10 (notice must be given 24 hours before the event, if not attending, otherwise there will be no refunds).

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Everyone will be required to do a lateral flow test, prior to attending.

### You are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting

Important Notice Must Attend



### **SKA AGM** Sunday 20th March 2022 Starting 3pm at SKA Hall

#### Agenda for the meeting:

- 1. Approval of Previous AGM Minutes
- 2. Hall update and Health & Safety
- 3. Approval of the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021
- 4. Re-Appointment of Auditors
- 5. AOB

**Christmas Fair** 

#### This year we had our first ever Christmas Fair, and all proceeds went to the St. Luke's Hospice Charity.

This event was held on Saturday 4th December 2021, at our SKA hall, there was a delicious spread of food including the seasonal favourites, port, mince pies, cheese and various cakes, pastries and dabeli. Some of the food was kindly contributed by those that attended.

All proceeds from the event were donated to St Luke's Hospice, and we are proud to say we raised a staggering amount of  $\pounds$ 701, which included money from the Raffle draw. Well done to everyone who attended and contributed.

The Christmas Hamper was donated by Rita Solanki was won in the raffle by Priya Hitesh Tailor.







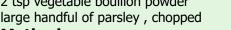
## Recipe Vegan Jambalaya

**January, or Veganuary**, some people are going to go vegan this month, so here is a healthy plant-based dinner with this vegan rice and bean one-pot. It's packed with all five of your 5-a-day, as well as iron, vitamin C and fibre, the **Vegan Jambalaya.** 



#### Ingredients

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 large onion (180g), finely chopped
- 4 celery sticks , finely chopped
- 1 yellow pepper, chopped
- 2 tsp smoked paprika
- 1/2 tsp chilli flakes
- 1/2 tsp dried oregano
- 115g brown basmati rice
- 400g can chopped tomatoes
- 2 garlic cloves , finely grated 400g butter beans , drained and rinsed 2 tsp vegetable bouillon powder



#### Method

#### STEP 1

Heat the oil in a large pan set over a high heat and fry the onion, celery and pepper, stirring occasionally, for 5 mins until starting to soften and colour.

#### STEP 2

Stir in the spices and rice, then tip in the tomatoes and a can of water. Stir in the garlic, beans and bouillon. Bring to a simmer, then cover and cook for 25 mins until the rice is tender and has absorbed most of the liquid. Keep an eye on the pan towards the end of the cooking time to make sure it doesn't boil dry – if it starts to catch, add a little more water. Stir in the parsley and serve hot.



# **Gujarati News**

## <u>સાલ મુબારક</u>

*Happy New Year* બીત ગયા જો સાલ ઉસકો ભૂલ જાયે, ઇસ નયે સાલ કો ગલે લગાયે, કરતે હૈ દુઆ હમ રબ સે સર જુકાકે, ઇસ સાલ કે સારે સપને પૂરે હો આપકે, નયા સાલ આપ સબ કો મુબારક ! ! !

અમારા બધા તરફથી આપ સૌને નવા વર્ષની ખૂબ ખૂબ શુભેચ્છાઓ.

ગયા વર્ષે આપણી પાસે ઉજવણી કરવા માટે ઘણું બધું હતું. મોટાભાગના લોકોને બે વખત રસી આપવામાં આવી હોવાથી, અમે વર્ષના છેલ્લા ત્રિમાસિક ગાળામાં ઘણી બધી ઇવેન્ટ યોજીને મજા માણી હતી.

#### નવરાત્રી:

આપણે નવરાત્રી ઉત્સવથી શરુઆત કરી, જેમાં સારા પ્રમાણ મા હાજરી આપવામાં આવી હતી, ૧૮મહિના પછી આયોજિત થનારી આ પહેલી ઉજવણી હતી તેથી આપણને બધાને થોડી ચિંતા હતી. તેછતા નવરાત્રી ઉત્સવ ઉત્સાહ પૂરવક થયો .

અમે તમામ સરકારી માર્ગદર્શિકાઓનું પાલન કર્યું હતું, દરવાજા પર પરીક્ષણો ચકાસવામાં આવ્યા હતા, અને નવરાત્રીની ઉજવણી સારી રીતે પૂર્ણ થઈ હતી. બેન્ડ એકદમ અદ્ભુત હતું અને દરેક જણે ગરબા મા ભાગ લીધો હતો. ભોજનમા મસાલા કેટરસ દ્વારા

કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું, એમા જલેબી ફાફરા, પાવ વડા અને સમોસા હતા.

આપ સર્વે નો નવરાત્રિ કાર્યક્રમમાં હાજરી આપવા સક્ષમ આભાર માનીયે છીયે.

નવુ વર્ષ! આપ સહુને ને સુખ, શાંતિ, સમૃદ્ધિ, અને સ્વાસ્થ્ય બક્ષે, અને આપ પ્રગતિના તમામ શિખરો સર કરો. એવી નવા વર્ષની શુભેચ્છા!



### <u>૨૦૨૧ માટે એસકેએ દિવાળી પાર્ટી</u>

આ કાર્યક્રમ શનિવાર ૬ નવેમ્બર ૨૦૨૧ ના રોજ કડવા પાટીદાર સેન્ટર, કેનમોર ખાતે યોજાયો હતો. અમારા બધા સભ્યોને દિવાળી અને નવા વર્ષની શુભકામનાઓ આપવાની સામાન્ય તકની સાથે સાથે, અમારી પાસે ડીજે પણ હતા, અને ભોજનમા શાકાહારી, માંસાહારી અને વીગન ભોજનની પસંદગી સાથે ઉપલબ્ધ હતુ. જેથી બધાને ઉજવણી કરવામાં મજા પડી હતી. કમિટીએ દિવાળી પાર્ટીનું આયોજન કરવા માટે ખૂબ જ મહેનત કરી હતી, દિવાળી પાર્ટી માં અમને તમારો સારો સાથ અને સહકાર મળ્યો તે બદલ આભાર.

### <u>ક્રિસમસ મેળો</u>

આ વર્ષે અમારો પ્રથમ ક્રિસમસ મેળો હતો, અને એની આવક સેન્ટ લ્યુકની યેરિટીમાં આપવામા આવી હતી.

આ ઇવેન્ટ શનિવાર ૪ ડિસેમ્બર ૨૦૨૧ ના રોજ એસકેએ હોલમાં યોજવામાં આવી હતી,એમા મનપસંદ, પોર્ટ, મીન્સ પાઈ, ચીઝ અને વિવિધ કેક, પેસ્ટ્રી અને દાબેલી સહિત સ્વાદિષ્ટ ખોરાકનો ફાળો હતો. કેટલીક વાનગીઓ વિવિધ હાજર સભયો દ્વારા આપવામા આવી હતી.

ઇવેન્ટમાંથી બધી આવક સેન્ટ લ્યુકની હોસ્પાઇસને દાનમાં આપવામાં આવી હતી, અને અમને કહેતા ગર્વ થાય છે કે અમે આશ્ચર્યજનક ૨કમ એકઠી કરી છે હાજરી આપનાર અને યોગદાન આપનાર દરેકને આભાર.

### <u>બાળકોની ક્રિસમસ પાર્ટી</u>

ક્રિસમસ પાર્ટી ખૂબ જ મજાની હતી અને હાજરી આપનાર તમામ બાળકોને ખરેખર મજા આવી હતી. ફરીથી તમામ સાવચેતી રૂપે અને હવાના પરિભ્રમણ અને માટે સ્કાયલાઇન વિન્ડોઝને ખુલ્લી રાખવામા આવી હતી.

બાળકોએ ખરેખર અદ્ભુત મનોરંજન, રમતો, ખોરાક, આનંદી સાન્ટા હતા અને તે ઉપરાંત, કેટલાક બાળકો હોસ્પિટલને દાન આપવા માટે ભેટ લાવ્યા હતા. તમે દાનમાં આપેલા સુંદર ભેટો રમકડાં અમે **બાર્નેટ જનરલ હોસ્પિટલના ચિલ્ડ્રન વોર્ડમાં** દાન કરી છે

અમે ભેટ દાન આપનાર દરેકનો આભાર માનીયે છીએ.



# Wedding

### Congratulations to:

JAYAN son of Mrs Hema & Mr Deepak Khatri and EMILY daughter of Mrs Andri & Mr Yiannis Antoniades They got married on 24th July 2021

SKA would like to thank Mr Deepak Khatri Family for their kind donation of **£151.00** 

## Wedding Congratulations to:

Afzal son of Mrs Azmat & Mr Rajesh Thakorlal Mohanlal and REBECCA daughter of Mrs Vijaya & Mr Kanahasunderam Jayaharan They got married in London on 30th July 2021

SKA would like to thank Mr & Mrs Rajesh Mohanlal for their kind donation of **£101.00** 





# Wedding

### **Congratulations to:**

**ANUJ** son of Mrs Avanee & Mr Kiran Balkrishna Damania and **POPPY LEE** daughter of Lucy Charalambou & Chris Lee They got married in on 7th August 2021

SKA would like to thank Mr & Mrs Kiran Damania for their kind donation of **£51.00** 

# Wedding

**Congratulations to:** 

Vishal son of Mrs Anita & Mr Satish Ratanji Khatri and HEENA daughter of Mrs Padmini & Mr Uday Mahatma They got married in London on 4th September 2021

SKA would like to thank Mr & Mrs Satish Khatri for their kind donation of **£51.00** 





# Wedding

### Congratulations to:

**RIKESH** son of Mrs Usha & Mr Ramesh Mohanlal Khatri and **SIAN** daughter of Sharon & Vineet Thapar They got married in London on 10th September 2021

SKA would like to thank Mr & Mrs Ramesh Khatri for their kind donation of **£51.00** 

## Wedding Congratulations to:

MONICA daughter of Mrs Falguni & Mr Kamlesh Ratilal Motiram and **KEVAL** son of Mrs Sheela & Mr Upendra Shah They got married in London on 25th November 2021

SKA would like to thank Mr & Mrs Kamlesh Motiram for their kind donation of **£101.00** 



## **New Baby Boy**



SKA would like to thank Mr & Mrs Vishmit Gohil for their kind donation of £25.00

## **New Baby Boy**



**Congratulations** to Deena and Anit Patel on the birth of their baby boy **RAYEN** on 7th September 2021.

SKA would like to thank Mr & Mrs Anit Patel for their kind donation of £25.00

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# Diwali Party 2021 Review

#### This SKA event was held on Saturday 6th November 2021 at The Kadwa Patidar Centre, Kenmore

I dare say, this was one of the best Diwali parties I had seen within the community in all my decades here. The committee had worked super hard to organise this, dot every I and cross every T, and the result, well the event spoke for itself.

As well as having the usual opportunity to wish all of our members a happy Diwali and prosperous new year, we also had a DJ playing your favourite tunes to help us all celebrate and get into the party/dancing mood. We had some scrumptious selection of food available with a choice of vegetarian, non-veg and vegan cuisine.

The cocktails went down a treat as well.



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