



PRESIDENT REPORT 2023- ANJANA PANCHAL

Dear Members of our Panchal Samaj.

I am honoured to be your president at this cutting-edge time when the Mandal has been almost at a close. Coming to these events, from a young age, I have seen so many presidents and committee members do an excellent job of bringing us together and building a strong community. During the years, having listened to members' opinions on what they wanted from the committee, I took the initiative of joining the committee in the hopes of making a difference and bringing the Mandal into the next era. As the newly elected president, I set myself tasks where positive changes need to be made.

Wherever you go, you will see people actively on their phones. We have created a WhatsApp group, a new website, and of course our Facebook page. These are great ways for us to interact with our members: You can send us your thoughts and ideas regarding our events through the survey monkeys Pooja sends out, these are valued - and help us work better for you.

Our new website has been set up at: <https://panchalmandal.co.uk> Please look at it and if you have any ideas, please let us know as your opinions are valued. We also need more photos/memories, so if you have great stories about the Mandal, please share.

This year's events, BBQ, Navaratri, and Dinner and Dance, were all successful, we had a good turnout, and was enjoyed by all who attended.

We are so happy that our member numbers have increased in the last year, and I hope this will continue. Don't hesitate to invite any parties interested in coming to our events: we are welcoming to everyone.

On a sad note, we have lost prominent members of our community, they are in some way either related or a friend to us. We as a committee send our thoughts and condolences to the families and friends who struggle during this time. We are again so grateful that we can help by posting obituaries on our Facebook and website pages with updates. Please reach out to any of the committee members who will willingly help.

Everyone is dealing with the current inflation today, and due to this, it has affected event planning the most, where everything is very costly. While we want to bring the best to our members, we must look at costs to the Mandal and try to keep these to a minimum.

Please bring your membership to date before the AGM, by bank transfer, or on the day with our treasurer Mahesh. This membership goes towards the AGM event and admin costs.

Please take time and look at the treasurer's report to show you how best we are spending your money.

Finally, A big thank you to the 2023 committee, who have all actively bought something to the table, Jitesh for his ongoing advice, Jay for his artwork for the event posters, and Prashant for taking the minutes in detail! Geeta and Lina for raffle prizes, Pooja our Social media specialist, Mahesh and his continuous support of accounting and keeping the data to date, and lastly Pinakin, my rock who has also embraced his role as a Trustee and set up the new website as our vision.

I look forward to seeing you all at the AGM.

Jai Shri Krishna

Anjana Panchal
President 2023