

GUJARATI ARYA ASSOCIATION LEICESTER

NEWSLETTER - September 2025



COMMITTEE UPDATE

Hello to all our community members!

As we head towards the busiest part of our year, we wanted to update you on all the future events and of course, recap on some of the things that have happened over the last few months.

As always, we welcome everyone to all the events and invite them to bring their families along. Please make a note of upcoming events, listed below:

upcoming events

Navratri Begins

Monday 22nd September. 7pm onwards.

Kids Fancy Dress

Friday 26th September, during the Navratri celebrations

Kids Garba

Saturday 27th September. 1-4pm

Aarti Competition

Saturday 27th September during the Navratri celebrations

Atham Havan

Tuesday 30th September, 9am onwards

Charity Chai Nasto

Saturday 11th October, 11.30am - 2pm

Bestu Verus Gathering

Wednesday 22nd October, 5-7pm

Snooker Tournament

Sunday 16th November, 10am start



Over 60's Gathering

We welcomed our young at heart community members, aged over 60 years. It was a brilliant afternoon, with live music, dancing and of course, a raffle! It is always a pleasure seeing all our community coming together.





Donations

We are extremely grateful to our community members for their kind and generous donations. Without your support, we would be unable to hold our events.

Thank you to everyone who has donated for the following events:

Over 60's Senior Gathering Donations

CHANDRAKANT & NANDA CHAMPANERIA	£25.25	CHAGANBHAI CHAUHAN	£10.00	PUSHPABEN PARMAR	£11.00
PRAVINBHAI PARMAR	£20.00	NANUBHAI CHAUHAN	£10.00	JAYABEN PARMAR	£11.00
SUSHILABEN PRAVIN PARMAR	£25.25	HASUBEN CHAUHAN	£10.00	BABUBHAI & DAMYANTIBEN CHAUHAN	£11.00
HEMABEN NARENDRABHAI PARMAR	£10.00	MADHUBEN CHAUHAN	£10.00	HARSHABEN GHADIALI	£10.00
BHARTIBEN SHASHIBHAI CHAMPANERIA	£10.00	VIMLABEN N AMLIWALI	£20.00	NATWARLAL CHAMPANERI	£15.25
MANIBEN RAMANBHAI PARMAR	£10.00	JASHUBEN C CHAUHAN	£20.00	SURESHBHAI & RANJANBEN CHAUHAN	£20.00
HANSABEN N SURTI	£25.00	SHANTABEN V CHAUHAN	£20.00	KIRANBHAI & SAROJBEN CHAUHAN	£20.00
LALITABEN & PRAKASHBHAI PARMAR	£20.00	AMRATBHAI PARMAR	£10.25	BINESBHAI R CHAMPANERI	£10.00
DHIRUBHAI S PARMAR	£10.00	GANPATBHAI P CHAUHAN	£11.00	DHANSUKHBHAI P CHAUHAN	£20.00
ISHVERBHAI CHAUHAN	£10.00	MINAXI DIPAKBHAI PARMAR	£10.00	MAHENDRABHAI M PARMAR	£10.00
KANTABEN BHUKHANBHAI CHAMPANERIA	£20.00	ANJANBEN CHANDRAKANT PARMAR	£15.00	RAMESHBHAI N CHAUHAN	£25.00
MAJULABEN R BULSARA	£10.00	VERSHA SUMANTRAI PARMAR	£10.00	VALLABHBHAI CHAUHAN	£10.25
BHANUBEN S CHAUHAN	£20.00	SOMCHANDBHAI CHAUHAN	£10.00	AMRATBHAI M PARMAR	£10.00
PRAMODRAI & ARUNA RATHOD	£15.00	JAGDISBHAI & PRABHA, DHIRUBHAI, & SUSHILABEN GOPAL, ISHVERBHAI & JOSHNABEN SOLANKI	£101.00	HANSABEN A CHAMPANERI	£10.00
CHAMPABEN P CHAVDA	£10.00	SURENDRA PARMAR	£25.00	KISHORBHAI G SOLANKI	£40.00
MANHARBHAI SOLANKI	£10.00	KISHORBHAI PARMAR	£20.00	JAYPRAKASH GAMANLAL	£11.00
DLIPIBHAI & RAMILABEN CHAUHAN	£21.00	SHASHIKANT R PARMAR	£25.00	RAMESHBHAI G SOLANKI	£40.00
SURESHBHAI CHAUHAN	£11.00	KANCHANBHAI G PARMAR	£10.00	JAYSHREEBEN CHAUHAN	£10.00
NAROTTAMBHAI CHAUHAN	£10.00	BODHANI BROTHERS	£20.00	DHANSUKHBHAI C PARMAR	£25.00
		HARISHBHAI & ILLABEN CHAUHAN	£25.00	ASHWINBHAI R PARMAR	£21.00
				HARISHBHAI K CHAUHAN	£11.00



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NATTWARLAL & MADHUBEN CHAUHAN	£10.00	SUSHILABEN R CHAUHAN	£11.25
JAGDISHBHAI P PARMAR	£10.25	MANJULABEN C SOLANKI	£10.00
BHARATBHAI CHAUHAN	£20.00	PARVATIBEN PARMAR	£25.00
VEENABEN KANTIBHAI PARMAR	£20.00	JAYANTILAL SOLANKI	£20.00
SAVITABEN RATHOD	£20.00	SAROJBEN PARDIWALA	£10.00
SURESHBHAI, BIPINBHAI & SAVITABEN PARMAR	£51.00	JAYABEN CHAMPANERI	£10.00
DILIPBHAI SURATWALA	£10.00	SHANTABEN RATHOD	£10.00
JITENDRA C CHAUHAN	£10.50	ANITABEN & NARENDRABHAI GOHIL	£11.00
CHANDRAKANT VAGHELA	£15.00	JAYSHREEBEN & DINESHBHAI PARMAR	£20.00
SANJIVBHAI SINHA	£10.00	KALABEN V CHAUHAN	£10.00
KASHIBEN M CHAUHAN	£25.00	NIRMALABEN C CHAUHAN	£20.00
DAKSHABEN M PARMAR	£20.00	NAYANBHAI CHAUHAN	£10.00
SHANTILAL CHAUHAN	£10.00	MANILAL & NARBADABEN CHAUHAN	£20.00
RAMESHBHAI D PARMAR	£10.00	PARESH & TANUJA CHAUHAN	£20.00
KOKILA DINESHBHAI PARMAR	£10.00	HARKISHANBHAI CHAVDA	£20.00
CHANDRAKANT R CHAUHAN	£10.00	UMESHBHAI M PARMAR	£10.00
MAHENDRABHAI PARMAR	£10.00	TABLE NO 11	£15.30
VASANTBHAI CAHUHAN	£10.00	KANTIBHAI HARGOVINDBHAI CHAUHAN	£10.00
GEETABEN M GHANDHI	£11.00	HARISHBHAI CHAMPANERIA	£10.00

COMMUNITY FOCUS



Mehul Solanki

In our Asian community, we often share commonalities in our health. Diabetes, high blood pressure, and high cholesterol impact us more than other ethnicities and have almost become commonplace to the point whereby many of us consider it normal and don't talk about it. This acceptance of the deterioration of health & the reluctance of letting loved ones know is something I want to address by sharing my story.

In 2022 I was diagnosed with something that has historically killed more people than any of these 3 illnesses combined altogether. It does not discriminate by sex, age, ethnicity, health, wealth or any other measurable factor.

In 2022 - I had Cancer.

In the summer of 2021, the national lockdown meant we shielded ourselves from others. I was losing a lot of weight, but this went unnoticed by me and my wife. Other symptoms started to develop, however, I never attributed them to my signs of a serious illness. I made excuses for the reasons why they were happening. I ignored them - thinking it would just sort itself out. It wasn't until I attended a wedding that a friend I hadn't seen in a while spoke to me with some concern about the amount of weight I had lost.

This concern led me to weigh myself to learn that I had lost 8kg. Knowing this was not normal, I called the doctor. Blood tests did not identify any major concerns, but as the months went by my health deteriorated further. Now, along with further weight loss, night sweats, abdominal and sciatica pain, my quality of life became so bad that standing for a few seconds became a physical challenge. Simple tasks, just as making a cup of tea became a huge task and focusing on everyday tasks became a mental challenge.

Eventually, after being admitted for several scans and tests, I was told that I had Cancer. It had ravaged my body so aggressively that it received the highest severity rating and I would need chemotherapy immediately. Chemotherapy is brutal - it not only kills the Cancer, it kills part of you too. The drugs they use not only target the cancerous cells but also kill your healthy cells too. Because of this, I lost all my hair along with my confidence. I became unrecognisable as the effects of the medication took its toll and noticed the looks people would give me when they saw me this way.

I initially looked to see who else was talking about their experiences with Cancer, especially within our Indian community and did not find anyone. Not one individual sharing their story. The statistics are that 1 in 2 people will experience cancer in their lifetime, yet our Indian community is not talking about this. I wanted to change this - so I decided to document my entire journey for all to see and follow along on YouTube. I did this to raise awareness, educate and support anyone going through what I went through. Since doing this, I have been approached by many people from our community telling me how cancer had affected them but had not told anyone.

If you or a loved one is experiencing Cancer or any other health issue, please raise your concerns to friends, family and medical experts as early as possible. I have been fortunate to beat Cancer. I now have a renewed appreciation for life and support others in speaking about their health journeys. You are not alone.

(If you want to know more about my journey you can find out more here: <https://lymphoma-action.org.uk/mez> & <https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLyU3nUqpIguXUhtMGpAGNJub9WaZ6ISIM&si=SLN4sh4KZZjmq32n>)

Would you like to be featured in our next Community Focus?

We want to celebrate everyone within our samaj & show how incredibly proud of we are, of our Mochi community members! Please get in touch with us by emailing us on gaaeventsleicester@gmail.com



SPORTS UPDATE

Aryans Cricket Club Leicester 2025 Round Up 🏏

The 2025 season was one to remember for Aryans CC, Leicester. Competing in Division 4 East of the Leicestershire & Rutland Cricket League, the team displayed resilience, determination, and unity throughout the campaign. From thrilling run chases to emphatic wins, Aryans proved themselves a force to be reckoned with.

The season concluded with Aryans finishing 3rd in the league, level on points with 2nd place, narrowly missing out on promotion.

📌 Season Overview

- Matches Played: 22
- Wins: 14
- Losses: 6
- Abandoned: 2
- Total Points: 421 (level with 2nd-placed Leicester Cricketers CC)
- League Winners: Houghton & Thurnby CC (440 points)

🌟 Team Highlights

- Highest Team Score: 380/5 vs Bitteswell CC
- Biggest Win: 263-run victory (bowled Bitteswell out for 117)
 - Strong Finish: Back-to-back wins to close the season, including a 160-run win over Leicester Cricketers CC.

Aryans consistently showed the ability to post and defend big totals, combining strong batting depth with a balanced bowling attack.

🔥 Batting Leaders

The batting line-up produced runs across the order, with several standout performers:

- 🏏 Akhilesh Damania — 509 runs, top run-scorer of the season.
- 🏏 Shiv Tandel — 434 runs, combining stability with attacking flair.
- 🏏 Harsh Paresh — 401 runs, vital in the middle order.
- 🏏 Nikhil Tandel — 373 runs, adding consistency as a true all-rounder.
- 🏏 Dev Parmar — 372 runs, contributing crucial innings.
- 🏏 Yash Dansuc — 326 runs, strengthening the batting depth.





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🎯 Bowling Leaders

Aryans' bowling attack was equally impressive, with multiple players delivering breakthroughs throughout the season:

- 🎯 Shiv Tandel — 36 wickets, leading wicket-taker.
- 🎯 Nikhil Tandel — 30 wickets, reliable all-round contributions.
- 🎯 Apurv Tandel — 29 wickets, consistently striking with the ball.
- 🎯 Annyish Pankesh — 27 wickets, maintaining pressure in key games.
- 🎯 Nilesh Jsvantlal — 23 wickets, completing a strong bowling unit.

Season Summary

Aryans CC can look back at 2025 with pride:

- A top-three finish, narrowly missing 2nd place.
- Big victories that showcased both dominance and resilience.
- A well-rounded squad where runs and wickets were shared across the team.

The balance between batting power and bowling strength made Aryans one of the most competitive teams in Division 4 East.

Looking Ahead

The foundations are firmly set for 2026. With a mix of experience, consistency, and emerging talent, Aryans CC will push hard for promotion next season.

💛💜 A big thank you goes to every player, supporter, and volunteer who made the 2025 season so special. The future looks bright — onwards and upwards! 🚀





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GAA Kids Football

The younger members of our community have been taking part in our under 14's football sessions. They play weekly indoors, and have been professionally coached by Krishan and Heran. We are so grateful to them for giving their time to mentor these young footballers. A huge thank you to Upesh from Trophy Parlour for supporting us by donating the trophies. If you or your children would like to get involved, please get in contact with us!



GAA SNOOKER TOURNAMENT



Leicester Snooker is back after a 5 year break!

ENTRY FEE: £25 INCLUDING VEG/NON VEG MEAL
Spectators welcome to dine for £15pp

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE - 1ST COME 1ST SERVE

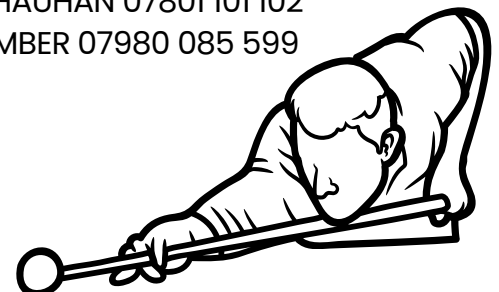
CLOSING DATE TO ENTER - 9TH NOV 2025

START TIME: 10AM

VENUE: CLUB 147, 171 BELGRAVE GATE, LEICESTER

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