

AUGUST 2019



Navratri (nine nights) is one of the greatest Hindu festivals. It symbolises the triumph of good over evil. Navratri takes place around harvest time and, as the name implies, this festival is celebrated for nine days. Navratri is also known as Durga Puja.

During this period, Durga, Laxmi and Saraswati are worshipped as three different manifestations of Shakti, or cosmic energy.

The festival is dedicated to Durga, the mother goddess who also represents power. Durga annihilated the demon Mahishasura after a relentless battle lasting nine days and nights.

Navratri is a festival in which God is adored as Mother. It is said that Shiva gave permission to Durga to see her mother for nine days in the year and this festival also remembers this visit.

Hinduism is the only religion in the world which has emphasised to such an extent the mother hood of God.

**JAI AMBE MAA**



THE BRAHMIN SOCIETY NORTH LONDON (BSNL) & UK VALAM BRAHMIN ASSOCIATION (UKVBA)

## NAVRATRI 2019

Dear Members,

It gives us great pleasure in inviting you to celebrate the auspicious festival of Navratri.

01 Oct	Tues	8pm to 11:00pm	06 Oct	Sun	8pm to 11:30pm
02 Oct	Wed	8pm to 11:00pm	07 Oct	Mon	8pm to 11:00pm
03 Oct	Thurs	8pm to 11:00pm	<b>Then on two more days on:</b>		
04 Oct	Fri	8pm to 11:30pm	11 Oct	Fri	8pm to 11:30pm
05 Oct	Sat	8pm to 11:30pm	12 Oct	Sat	8pm to 11:30pm

Note: There will be NO Navratri programme on Sunday 29 Sept and Monday 30 Sept due to school events taking place at JFS School.

**Venue:** JFS School, The Mall, Kenton HA3 9TE

### Daily Entrance

Senior (**65 & Over**) & Junior Members (**under 16** years): **£1**      Adult Members: **£3.50**  
Guests/Non-Members (**All Ages**): **£5**

**Daily Tickets** – These can only be purchased on the day and by those attending the programme and for those present at the front ticket desk. So please park your vehicles and accompany your family and friends to buy your tickets together.

### Fast Track Pass (9 Nights)

Senior (**Over 65**) & Junior Members (**under 16** years): **£9**      Adult Members: **£25**

**Fast Track Pass** - Can be obtained in advance by completing the attached application form and returning it to the address on the form together with your payment and a self-addressed stamped envelope or **by online transfer** (see form) by no later than Friday 27 Sept 2019. The organisers will not be held responsible for non-receipt of applications or applications lost in the post.

**04, 05 & 06 Oct: Members Only until 8:30pm after which Guests and Non-Members will be allowed subject to capacity**

Management reserves the right of entry. In order to comply with Health and Safety Legislation, entry will be on a first come first served basis except for Fast Track Pass holders.

**Membership** - You are strongly advised to renew your membership prior to the start of the Navratri and ensure that you bring your membership card when attending.





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### *Order of Proceedings*

**Samaiyo at 8pm followed by Garba** — This is a daily ritual whereby any family may request the honour of welcoming *Mataji* to our *Garba*. The first *Garba* is performed by the family carrying the lit *Garbo* (ladies on the head, men on the shoulder). Contact Darshna Pandya on 07833 963597 if you wish to perform the *Samaiyo*.

**Aarti** — At 9.30pm. Anyone is welcome to perform the *Aarti*, however please bring one *Aarti Thali* (with one *divo* only) per family and ensure you collect it at the end of the evening. There is no charge for this.

**Prasad** — You are welcome to bring *Prasad* but please ensure all sweets etc. are approved as suitable for vegetarians so that they are appropriate for offering to *Mataji* and make organisers aware of / label items containing nuts to avoid risk of allergic reaction. Remember to collect your containers at the end of the evening.

### *How Can I Get Involved?*

**Mataji ni Chundadi** — Community Members wishing to donate a new *Chundadi* (*Sari*) to *Mataji*, please kindly contact Darshana Pandya on 07833 963597 The *Sari* will be placed on the *Madh* and returned to you as *Prasad* during the same evening. *Saris* will be accepted on a first come first served basis.

**Dussera Yajman Bidding** — On Sunday 06 October (*Aatham*) there will be bidding for the honour of being *Yajman* at the *Dussera Havan* at SKLP Community Hall, West End Road, Northholt, Middlesex UB5 6RE on Saturday 19 October 2019 (9am to 5pm). This *Havan* is organised by BSNL only, however, anyone is welcome to bid to be the *Yajman*. For further information, contact Parul Jani on 07940 584321.

### *What Can I Do To Help?*

**Become a Volunteer** — Offer your time and join up as a volunteer – you will be given duties which you will be responsible for completing. Please contact Hasit Purohit on 07431 367137 or Parul Jani on 07940 584321. To all those taking part in Duke of Edinburgh Award, this will count towards your 'Volunteering' section of the award — Help Your Community and Let Your Community Help You!

**Donations & Sponsorship** — You can make a donation towards the cost of the Hall Hire. We are also offering advertising at this festival for your company or organization, please contact Harsha Trivedi on 07956 586 926 or any JSC member for further details.

### *Food Bank - Support Our Local Community*

Food banks collect and distribute donated food supplies to low income families. They are often the last resort for families facing food poverty in the UK. Each year Navratri festival presents us with an opportunity to unite and donate generously. Those wishing to donate should bring NON-PERISHABLE items only. For further information contact Vandana Joshi on 07944 913208.

**BEST WISHES**

**On Behalf of**

**BRAHM SAMAJ — JOINT STEERING COMMITTEE (JSC)**

**HARSHA TRIVEDI (BSNL)**

**HASIT PUROHIT (UKVBA)**

