

TIME TO CELEBRATE



- 1 Sweetness and lights: making and sharing treats is a tradition at Diwali
- 2 Jayshree Pandya, Secretary Khilna Shah, cookery expert Jyoti Shah and Hina Shah, Treasurer
- 3 Radha and Krishna, a Hindu god and his consort, by Sheetal Mehta - glass painting is a new skill she learned in a WI sub group
- 4 Jyoti's demonstration has Stanmore WI enthralled
- 5 Peacock art is believed to bring luck and prosperity
- 6 Sweet skills: Jyoti makes it look so very easy!
- 7 Khilna admires the buffet with members Sarla Dave and Madu Kalaria
- 8 Malini Kothari, Hina and Sheetal with beautiful art
- 9 Rina Shah and Avni Shah sample the festive fare
- 10 Bharti Shah, Harshida Shah and Hansa Shah
- 11 Crafting decorations is a popular Diwali activity

DIWALI 2022

WI Life visited Stanmore WI to celebrate the Festival of Lights

As the autumn nights drew in, Stanmore WI, Middlesex Federation got their glad rags on to celebrate Diwali – also known as the Festival of Lights.

'Diwali is an important festival for Hindus, Jains and other religious groups around the world, celebrating the triumph of good over evil. Generally, people celebrate by saying prayers, wearing their finest clothes and sharing sweet and savoury treats with friends and family,' explains President Hina Shah.

Member Jyoti Shah, who runs vegetarian cookery school The Veggie Kitchen, broke out

her portable frying pans to demonstrate three recipes for mouthwatering Diwali sweets, including one featuring Oreos. Dressed in their finest festive wear, all 40 members were well fed with homemade desserts and samosas, thanks to Secretary Khilna Shah and Treasurer Hina Shah.

'We are fortunate to have a lot of talented members and support from the local community,' said Hina Shah. 'We try and celebrate a diverse range of festivals at Stanmore WI, and have organised Christmas and Easter crafts and cooking sessions.'