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The Flower man's Song Where have all the people gone??

Dejected! That word sums up the predicament of the flower sellers in Church Street, near the main Post Office in town. Business for them has been reduced to a trickle from the once bustling customers they enjoyed at their old site in Gardener Street before being compelled to move – and the chief reason for their grouse is the lack of adequate parking facilities.

:The parking bays behind the Post Office are inadequate to cope with the number of motorists requiring parking and, people who want to buy flowers are not prepared to wait for 10 to 15 minutes for parking.” Mr Peter Kalipersadh a stall owner said. The sellers suggested that an access lane be provided for motorists to pull off the road to make their purchases, or that a bay similar to that found at bus stops be provided but this was not acceptable to the authorities.

“Our customers are only here for about 5 minutes and we need an area where they can come and go quickly” Mr Kalipersadh said. Parking is acute in Church Street and even the flower seller's experience difficulty in loading and off-loading their goods daily. Drought has also pushed up the prices of flowers – in some cases in as much as 400 per cent and the public was not generally prepared to pay inflated prices.

Agents, the sellers claim are now importing flowers on a larger scale than before and while South Africa exported large quantities of flowers, this nevertheless tended to increase prices. According to Mr Kalipersadh, vendors still carried a large range for customers but have been forced to cut quantities they carry.

“Where I used to carry a hundred of a type I now have only about a dozen. Flowers have no shelf life. We have to buy daily”, Mr Kalipersadh said, adding that reduced buying cut down on the flower sellers bargaining power.

The oldest of the vendors, Mr Runkoo Bengali, who has been selling flowers since 1917 said that he could not recall a harder year than the current one. “It has never been as bad as this. The Corporation is getting stricter and the drought makes matters worse”, he said.

Mr Bengali who intends retiring soon said that he did not want his sons to carry on as “this game is not good for the younger generation”.

It is virtually impossible to make ends meet nowadays. His other ventures helped to carry him through. Venders have also been forced to reduce staff since moving from Gardener Street in June last year (1979). At one time Mr Kalipersadh employed as many as 25 people but now has 10.

Mr Mahangu Gopi who has been in the business since 1924 said that although the stalls were in the heart of the City, fewer people seem to be passing that way. Business has been a lot better in Gardener Street. Mr Gopi pointed out that the stalls had been moved from Gardener Street for road development but it had not affected the former site. “The old place is lying idle”, he said.



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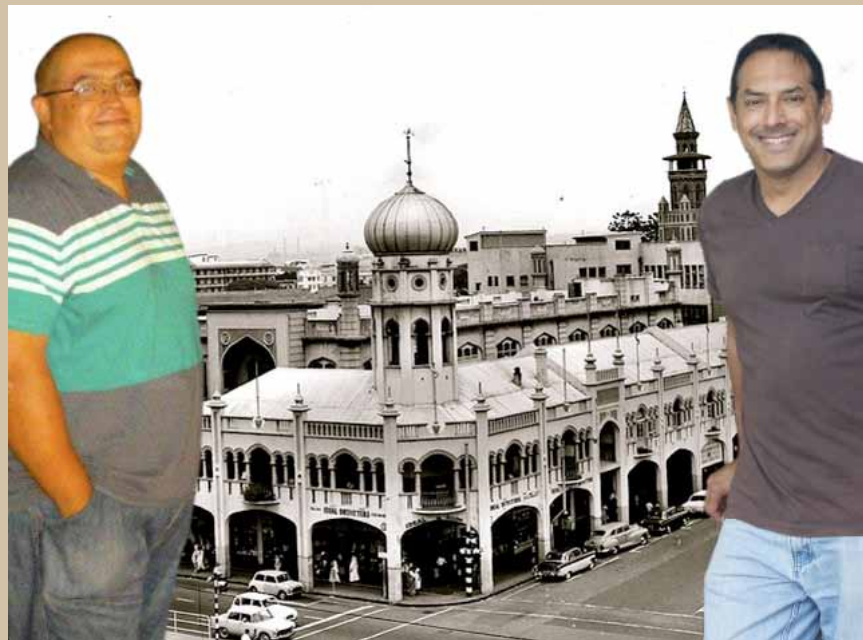
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Frenzied scenes as sardine shoal is sighted

The seine netters haul in their over-laden nets at Kelso beach on the South Coast as hundreds of would-be sardine catchers line up and look on enviously.

Reports of sporadic shoals being washed up at resorts stretching from Port Shepstone to Amanzimtoti has worked up a fever pitch among the locals and holidaymakers who went scurrying after the elusive tiny fish.



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NEW INDIAN AREA



The photograph shows a large section of the area which has been extended for Indian occupation.

The central Durban Indian business complex has been extended by six town blocks in terms of a notice published in the Government Gazette last week. An almost triangular area, bounded by Albert Street, Commercial Road, Soldiers Way and a portion of Leopold Street, and which was formerly zoned for Whites under the Group Areas Act, has been incorporated to enlarge the Indian zone by roughly 25 percent.

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THE "JULY"



Lucky Pinky Chetty and Sukie Govender. Both had beginners luck picking the winner, Beau Art.



Mabel Brink of Cape Town, who works as a credit controller. Her choice, Anytime Baby, ran second.



Brother and sister, Tino and Maliga Morgan, study the card. Their fancies were Dendim Gandy and Ton Up respectively.

IT was a record 'July' in every sense when South Africa's premier event, the Rothman's July Handicap, was run at Greyville race course in Durban on Saturday.

The glorious weather brought out a record turnout and the tote takings hit an all time high, but an added attraction was the unusually large number of colourfully attired young ladies who were drawn to the exciting event.

The scene after the race: A turf club employee sweeps up a 'fortune' in discarded race tickets, together with other litter from one of the grandstands.



SCHOLARS AT WINTER SCHOOL



Our picture shows students attending lectures at the Orient Hall.

Thousands of scholars are attending a number of 'winter schools' being conducted at various centres during the July vacation.

In addition to the annual matrix courses run by such organisations as the Umgeni Jaycees, whose 'Matric Week' began on Tuesday, several schools and other organisations are giving tuition during the holidays to cover the work missed by students during the school boycott.

Although many teachers have given up their holidays to conduct these classes, it was claimed by some students attending winter schools that school principals had instructed their teachers not to make up for work missed during the boycott.

Organisers of winter schools told "The Leader" that the turnout of pupils was not as high as previous years. They felt that the unusually high number of winter schools being run this vacation was the reason for this.



A large crowd flocked to the opening in Durban early this week of a new branch of an old established jewellery concern. People gathered outside the premises of Pyramid Jewellers long before opening time to take advantage of a large range of special offers that were available to the public on the occasion. Part of the early crowd are seen in the picture waiting for the doors to open. Talk about bargains. It is hard to imagine a word like that associated with gold and diamonds.

CARNIVAL FUN TIME

The annual milk carnival of the Durban Milk Publicity Council went off in grand style and in glorious sunshine at the Unit 3 sports grounds in Chatsworth on Sunday.

A large crowd packed the stadium from morning till sunset to watch a full programme of activities ranging from music, singing and dancing to juggling, boxing, wrestling and karate displays.

One of the highlights was the choosing of the Carnival sari queen. The contest was won by Vasantha Pillay from 60 other entrants. Her prize is a free air ticket to India. R600 cash and other gifts. Second was Rookshana Dawood and third Beena Singh.

The crowning was done by visiting champion wrestler, Tiger Singh, who was the guest of honour.

Results of other contests were:

Fancy Dress (boys): 1. Pragasen Govender; 2. Divendran Pillay; 3. Suntheren Pillay.

(Girls): 1. Irene Pillay; 2. Shika Gordhan; 3. Aruna Gordhan.

Ladies sari race: 1. Mrs Julie Pillay; 2. Mrs Radha Naidoo; 3. Mrs Vanie Naidoo; 4. Mrs Saraspathy Naidoo.

Tug 'O' War (male): Denis's Five, runner's up: Karishma's Five. (Female): Lily's Five, runner's up: Rani's Five.



Skirts fly as thousands of pairs of eyes watch in amusement the outcome of the ladie's sari race. A clown also gets in on the act.



Pupils of the Moorton Hindi Partshala perform a folk dance for the crowd.



Guest of honour and champion wrestler has both arms full this week - on the Left Milk Carnival sari queen Vasantha Pillay and on the right one of her attendants, Beena Singh.



Shireen, Anita and Anisha take on Ice-cream break during the carnival.

DIWALI RECIPE



Eshana Suleman



Leila Ally

Paneer Pilau

Ingredients

For pilau masala

1/2 teaspoon jeera seeds
1/2 teaspoon caraway seeds
1/4 fennel seeds (saumf)
1 elachi
2 - 3 cloves
1 stick cinnamon
Grind all the spices coarsely

Ingredients For Pilau

1 1/2 cups basmati rice
3/4 teaspoon turmeric powder
250 - 300g paneer, chopped into cubes
1 large onion chopped
1/2 cup peas
2 - 3 tablespoons ghee or oil
2 - 3 teaspoons ghee or oil for pan frying paneer
3 cups water
1 tablespoon ginger/garlic
1 green chilli crushed
1 bay leaf
1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
2 teaspoons mint chopped
Salt to taste



Method

Rinse rice till water becomes clear of starch. Soak rice for about 30 minutes, drain and keep aside. While rice is soaking, fry the paneer, till light golden, preferably in a non stick pan, do not over fry, the paneer will become dense and rubbery.

Heat ghee or oil, add bay leaf and sauté for 2- 3 seconds. Add the sliced onions and sauté till light brown, now add the ginger/garlic paste and green chillie. Cook this on a low heat for about 10 - 15 seconds. Add the chopped mint leaves and pilau masala, stir for 5 - 8 minutes. Now add the peas, and allow to cook for 3 minutes. Add the drained rice, and turmeric powder and stir gently for a minute. Add water, lemon juice and salt. Stir well. Cover and cook on low heat till cooked, add water if need be. Now add the paneer. Serve hot, with raita.

Garnish with chopped mint and green dhania.

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Can you remember where your parents and grandparents worked?

Eshana Suleman: My dad owned a Butcher shop in Brickfield Road, and my mum (a teacher) taught at Springfield Gardens, St Aidans, Maryhill, Jummah Masjid, Clare Estate Primary, S.M. Jhavary...

Katyayani Pillay: My dad owned Kit kat cafe in Warrick avenue and my mum was a stay home mum until he died then she managed the shop .

Ravi Govender: My dad worked at Ranches hotel

Jana Pillay: My dad worked at Royal Vulcanizing Station and mum in a clothing factory.

Heather Petersen: My mother worked for the Lion Match Factory them OK Bazaars west st, then CNA. My grandma also worked for Lion Match Co. My dad was a shop fitter and worked for many companies including Beares.

Sershan Naidoo: Paternal Grandfather (and my Father) worked at Bombay Bazaar.
My Maternal Grandfather owned Premier Tailors (a tailor shop and then factory).

Lionel Govender: My mum and grandfather worked at Beacon Sweets... growing up, we were never short of sweets and chocs...lol

Rosaline Pillay Clark: I have my Dad's unemployment card. Listed he worked at Bakers Limited, Clover Dairy and Super Rose My grandfather was a tinsmith. Worked at Bakers Ltd.

Ronnie Kinsey: My dad worked for Castle Wine and Brandy in Mobeni and my mum worked at the hat factory in North Coast Road.

Charmaine Pillay: My dad worked at Jockey Underwear n then at Sasol for 35 yrs.
Mum was a stay at home specialist lol.

Rajen Moodley: My dad worked at Umkomaas Bakery for 42 years...My maternal granny was a hawker in Scottburg and my grandfather worked at Renishaw Sugar Mill

Hassan Mahomed: Frame textiles New Germany Pine Town

Saira Omar: My Dad was a Top Mac he repaired vehicles! All my brother's are great Mac's aso! We lived in Riverside then moved 2 Chatsworth.

Norman Charles: My dad worked at Grinaker construction and Dorbyl engineering (crane dtiver).

Sumaya Rawat: My late dad had a factory in Victoria street, first in Valbro chambers, then in Tivoli house., before that he sold suite lengths (as it was called) door to door! Highest education was grade 3 but a brilliant man indeed

Maria Royen Gabriel: My Pa worked as an Estate Agent for himself and then for Haribhai's my granny was a housewife, my mum worked as a typist for AI Kajee and my dad was a projectionist for the following

cinema"s Sha Jehan, Scala Cinema, Avalon Albert, The Raj Embassy and and finally Ster Kinekor Group also worked in Cape Town for the group as well and did a stint for construction at the harbour.when i was about 9 mths he worked in Shelly Beach at the cinema there.

Ganthie Samuel: My Dad was a teacher in Senior Boys - Junior School later called Durban South all in Clairwood then Seaview Public School n later as Vice Principal at NPS in Springfield. Dad passed on at the age of 46. RIP Dad.

Paternal Grandad was a boxer - Jim Pillai and maternal Granddad had a shop (general dealer store) my Mum used to help in the shop.

Lauretta Weldschidt: My dad worked for Bardon construction and mum worked for Normoyles hat factory in North Coast Road! And then mum worked for Ella designs and then for Bilbo Fashions. We were well dressed!

Nirosh Pather

Nirosh Pather: My parents were teachers in South Africa. My dad taught at Tagore High School, Junnargarth Primary, PR Pather and few other schools. My mum taught at Chatsworth Aided, Excelsior Primary, Evergreen And Truro Primary schools. Proud of my parents who were able to change to teaching in adult disability after migrating to Australia in 1990. My paternal grandfather had a watch repair shop in Ajmeri Arcade.

Bilkis Seedat: My grandfather n dad worked for Man About Town in Mobeni

Sharina Ebrahim: My dad was head Steward at four seasons hotel Durban.

Richard Vanwyk: Mom Lion Match Gran as well Grandfather TRUST HOTEL WESTS and my father SA Navy then Durban Tugs

Des Pillay: Both my parents worked as school caretakers at Overport Secondary, both sets of grandparents passed on before I was born
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Razmiela Hoosen: My maternal grandfather owned a tearoom and bicycle shop in umgeni road, grndmother stayed home. My mom stayed home, dad worked for a printing company, can't remembef the name.

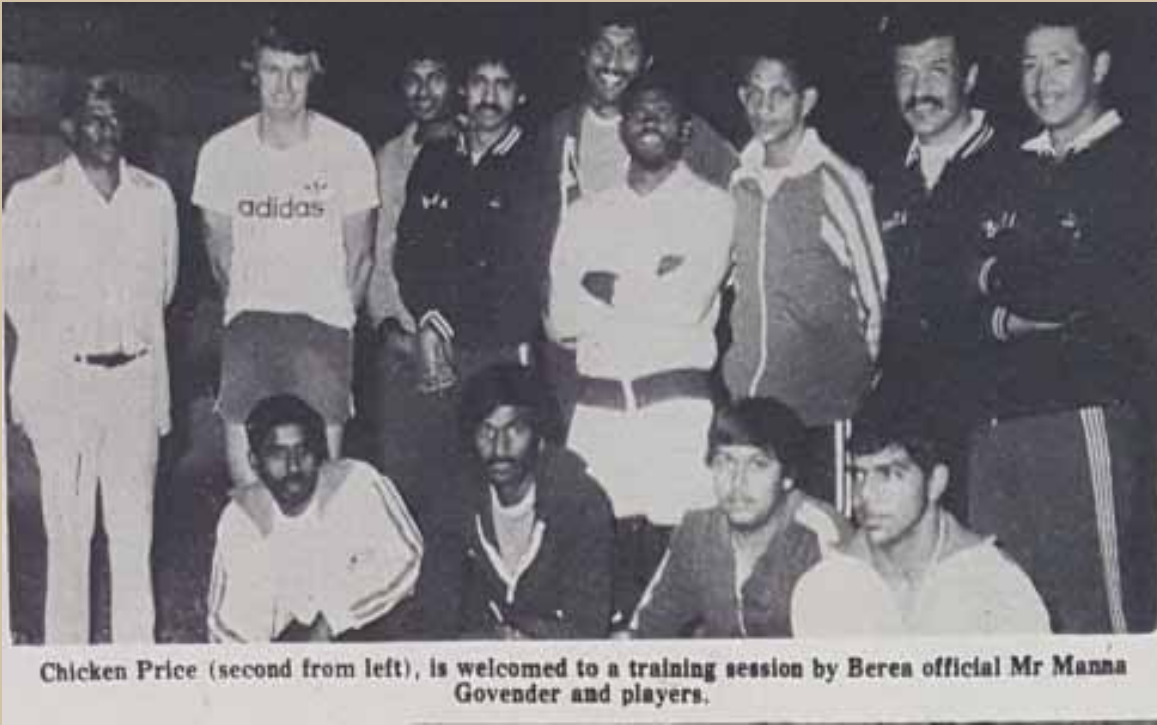
Hajara Naseem: Omw my great grandfather also owned a tea room and bicycle shop in umgeni road...surname was bux
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Leandra Ramcharan: My dadda worked at Wolfsons in town as a tailor and drove a taxi at night. The lived in Vinay Court

David Baird: Dad was an engineering estimator and worked at James Brown and Hamer, then Delville Engineering and finally Sandock Austral. Mum worked in admin at Lever Brothers, then Tanker Services, and finally Fuel Firing Services.

Rishi Harripersad: My grandfather was a railway police. His father in law /my great father was the first Indian ambulance driver

Price makes debut for Berea



New signing, Patrick Chicken Price will be making his debut for Berea in an all-important league clash with Martizburg Utd at Curries on Sunday. Price previously had spells with Martizburg City, Durban City, Manning Rangers and Dynamos, his last club in the NPSL.

The FPL’s subcommittee approved his application as member of Berea FC. Berea hard hit for poor attendances and showing poor form compared to previous years will hope that Price changes their fortunes.

With the exception of Pat Blair, who has lost none of his flair, Berea is quite thin on experience. Patrick Wiseman and Devan Pillay through sheer endeavour, enterprise and enthusiasm have held the team together, while the introduction of Bucky Solomon at midfield will give them added punch.

Berea Manager, Don Mudaly is well aware of the strengths of United who are fourth in the league, only one point behind Berea but with a game in hand. A victory for United will push them ahead of Berea. A draw would also suit United as they have a better goal average.



Berea’s Devan Pillay (in dark shirt) looks on anxiously as Maritzburg goalkeeper Gerr Jonathan goes up to make a save with his defenders Krishna Naidoo (No. 3) and Peter Moulin support.



One of the Chatsworth Netball Association’s top clubs, Aqua Sporting Club have enjoyed a successful series so far. The team consists of: (standing L to R) Leah Pillay, Aeshia Hassen, Rachel Pillay, Jane Khan. Seated: Rani Naidoo, Daisy Gengiah and Beena Chetty.

Aqua top netball log

The latest Chatsworth Netball Association’s results and log position is as follows:

Colchester had a walkover against Young Bluff Rangers. Spitfire beat Crossmoor Cosmos 6-2 and Aqua Sporting beat Fiona Heights 14-4.

Spitfire meets Fiona Heights this Saturday. Aqua play Young Bluff Rangers. Crossmoor Cosmos and Colchester meet in another clash.

A. DIVISION LOG						
Team	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Aqua	3	3	—	67	6	6
Fiona Heights	3	2	1	20	14	4
Colchester	3	2	1	7	21	4
Spitfire	3	1	2	11	39	2
Yng. B. Rangers	3	1	2	10	1	2
Crossmoor	2	—	2	3	16	0
Avalon	1	—	1	2	23	0

PRIZE FOR A VETERAN



The Durban Golf Club's Coca Cola golf tournament was held at the Springfield course last weekend and there was a big turnout of golfers and their families for the annual event. Among the guests were representatives of the sponsoring firm, the Coca Cola Bottling Company of Durban. Among the prize winners was Mr. G. Abbai (right), the oldest participant, who is seen being congratulated by club official, Mr Ken Singh.



Apart from the keen competition among golfers, the Coca Cola tournament is also a happy family occasion as this picture shows. Prize winner Butch Soobedar gets a congratulatory kiss from his daughter who was called upon to make the presentation, while his brother, Lambie Rasool, the club caption, Proudly looks on. The top prize went to the A division golfer Amar Singh.

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The match between Kharwasten Volleyball Association B team and a Tongaat Volleyball Association selected team will be the first inter-district match in the fourteen year old history of volleyball among Blacks. The players selected for the Kharwasten team are seen above. They are (BACK ROW L to R) Robert Daniels (captain), Mervyn Naidoo, Reggie Soobramoney, Ravi Govender and seated: Valaitham Gounden, Devraj Manikam.



The draw for the Clover Cup competition for the Southern Natal Soccer Board's senior, junior, juvenile and colts division was held last week. Seen making the draw are Mr Jay Moodley, representing the sponsors, Mr paddy Broad manager of Clover Dairies and Mr R. K. Reddy, president of the SNSB.

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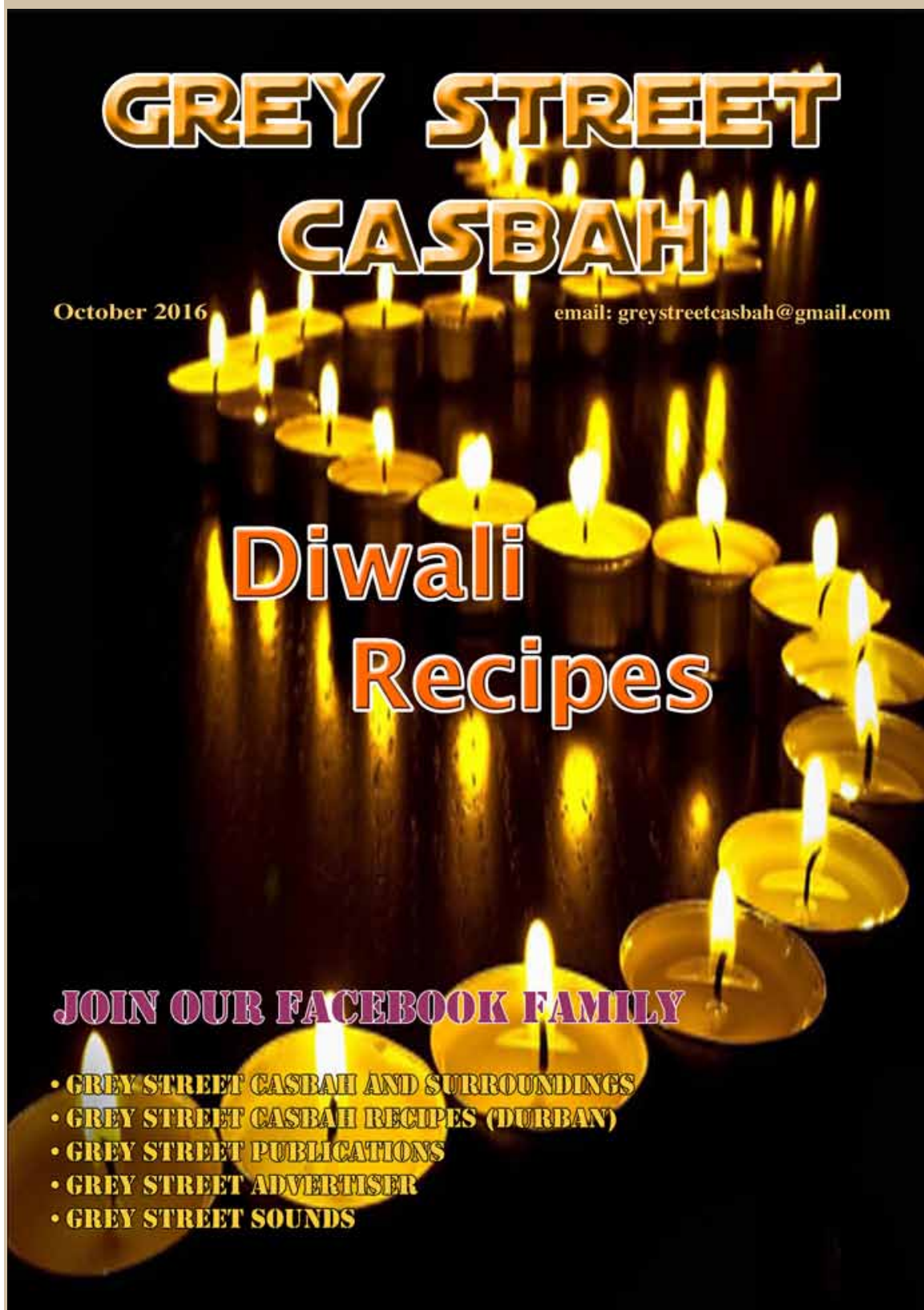
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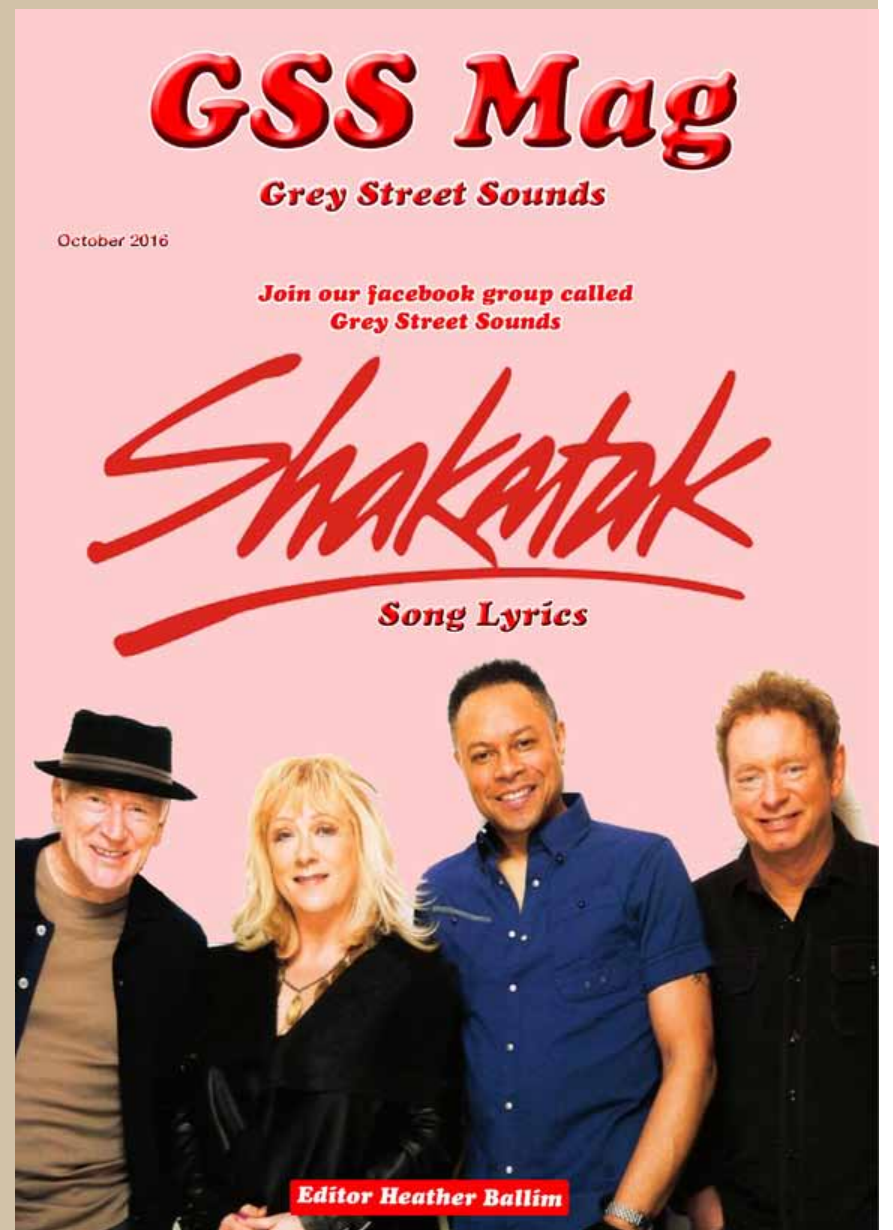
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