

July 2023 Newsletter

Message From the Chair

Jai Shree Krishna,

Hope you are all enjoying the weather and the Holiday period ! Slowly but surely, we are getting back into routine after the pandemic. All our sub-group regular activities are now back to being held in the BSNL House. We have also had events in-person such as Shivratri and Hanuman Chalisa.

After the 2023 AGM, Dhirendra Dave (Deputy Chair), resigned from the trustee due to work commitments and Chandrashekhar Thaker was appointed as a Trustee in his stead. Later this year, Selina Rawal resigned due to family commitments and Ameet Sharma was appointed as a new Trustee. Please see the Trustees List for further details.

Trustees are getting ready for the busy period and making plans for Navratri, Havan, and Diwali events. If you wish to volunteer for any of these events please contact me. Also, if you wish to organise or have any ideas around other events, please reach out to any listed Trustee with details or plans of your ideas, and we can discuss on how to achieve these.

Feel free to reach out to either myself or any Trustee with questions or enquires you may have.

Parul Jani

Chair of Trustees

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Message From the Board of Trustees

BSNL (Brahmin Society North London)

Charity Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Jai Shree Krishna,

As agreed at our last AGM, our Board of Trustees have initiated a project in consultation with The Charity Commission and Navinbhai Thaker, our past Auditor for many years (and his company which has expertise in matters to do with CIO) to convert BSNL's current Charity status from being an 'Unincorporated Charity' to a 'Charity Incorporated Organisation'. At present, as an 'Unincorporated Charity' we are unable to hold our property in the name of BSNL or enter into any contract in the name of BSNL.

Instead BSNL Property Title Deed has to be held in the name of four (4) trusted individual custodians. Similarly contracts such as our lease agreement with the children's nursery or any other contracts must be in the names of the signatory trustees which make them personally liable.

BSNL's current registered status as an 'Unincorporated Charity' is no longer appropriate for BSNL, since BSNL owns its property and engages in issuing contracts.

The more appropriate structure according to The Charity Commission is for BSNL to become a 'Charity Incorporated Organisation' which will enable BSNL to enter into contracts in the name of BSNL, hold our property in the name of BSNL, to reduce liabilities of individual trustees, members and to give us several other benefits.

We will keep you informed on the progress.

Forthcoming BSNL Events

Event Dates

- 1. Navratri — Sunday, 15th October to Monday, 23rd October.*
- 2. Sharad Poonam — Saturday, 28th October.*
- 3. Havan 'Ladoo' making Day — Thursday, 2nd November.*
- 4. Havan Preparation — Friday, 3rd November.*
- 5. Havan — Saturday, 4th November.*
- 6. Diwali Celebration (BSNL) — TBC*
- 7. Diwali (Trafalgar Square) — Sunday 29th October*
- 8. Xmas Party — TBC*



BSNL Membership

Our BSNL Membership period is from 1st September to 31st August. The current yearly membership will be ending on 31st August 2023. You can renew your membership for 2023/2024 from 1st August 2023.

The website for membership renewal is www.bsnl.wildapricot.org where you login with your email address and your password.

The fees for the year 2023/2024 remain unchanged.

Please renew your membership as soon as possible and do provide all the relevant details.

Finally we urge you all to download on your smartphone an app. called 'Wild Apricot for Members' from App store for Apple IOS or Google Play Store for Android, as per the icon below. This is vital to show proof of your BSNL Membership if requested.

If you have any queries, please contact :

Membership Trustee : Chandrashekhar Thaker

Contact : +44 7483 952957

Email : membership@bsnl.org.uk



Building available for hire



Dear Members, Our Hall is available for hire for Family Parties, Birthday, Get-togethers, Anniversary Parties, etc.

Our upstairs hall has a capacity of just over 100 people. We provide comfortable chairs and tables for all at the hall. We have a fully laminated floor, a small fully equipped Kitchenette, to heat up food and a fridge freezer to hold products which may need to be kept at cold temperature. We have unisex washroom facilities as well.

There is ample car parking space on the site.

To hire the hall or for any enquires please contact:

Pramath Pandya : +44 7483 904979

Email : hall@bsnl.org.uk

Caretaker Urgently Needed

We are looking for a local person to help with the Hall Hire duties including opening and closing the hall during Club days and Hall Hire. We do not anticipate this work to take more than 20 hours per week. Some weekend closing times can be at 11.30pm , so that has to be taken under consideration. We are prepared to compensate the right person with competitive rates.

If interested or for further information please contact :

Building Trustee : Pramath Pandya

Contact : +44 7483 904979



BSNL Professional Networking Event

Are you a professional looking for ways to help your community? You could support members of the Brahmin Society of North London through your expertise. Using your skills to give back to the community is very fulfilling, and we at BSNL would like to give this opportunity to those that can help.

BSNL is looking to host a range a host of educational events to provide information and support to our members. This will include a range of online and in-person speaker events , Q and A sessions and tailored individual support. Each event will focus on a different topic, ranging from a healthy diets to property law. We are looking for professionals who work in the health and fitness industry, education, law and accounting, or any other profession where you believe individuals could benefit from your advise and expertise.

The goal is to share our skills to help others and build a stronger community. If you are willing to give in supporting us at these events, or would like to find out more, please contact :

Parul Jani: parul.jani@bsnl.org.uk , 07940 584321

Kamal Purohit : k4malpurohit@gmail.com, 07946 344075



BSNL Day Clubs

Tuesdays

BSNL Elders Club

Jai Shree Krishna,

Our BSNL Elder's Club has been successful in its return back to our hall last year after lock down with a regular attendance of over 80 elders. The eClub is set up for the entertainment and enjoyment of BSNL Members 65 years of age and over.

The Club is held on Tuesdays at BSNL House from 10.30am until 2.00pm. The Committee organises activities such as Bhajans, Bollywood singing, games and chit chat sessions, cultural and religious events, discussions, debates and more.

The session also includes a delicious lunch which is often kindly sponsored by members of the eClub or other members of BSNL.

The sub-committee that was elected this year is as follows:

Chairperson—Shila Vyas

Treasurer—Jagdishbhai Mehta

Secretary—Bhartiben Pandya

Committee Member—Pannaben Bhatt

Committee Member—Virbalaben Bhatt

In addition to this team we are lucky to have many wonderful volunteers who also help to run the club.

If you are interested in attending on any Tuesday or simply sponsoring lunch, please contact

Shila Vyas. Chairperson of BSNL Elders Group
Contact : 0751 5819120

Or

Sameet Pandya, Trustee in Charge of BSNL Elders Club
Contact : 07970 5025715

Wednesdays

BSNL Men's Club

Our BSNL Men's Club has been running successfully since return to the BSNL Hall with an average attendance of 25 Men. The activities include Cards, Bridge, Carom, Table-Tennis, Darts, Chess, Political Discussions, Pools, and watching world sports on the big screen. We also have a technical corner for assistance with PC's, Smartphones, etc., for a token donation to the club. Tea time includes Indian snacks, Pastries, etc. Main meal mostly donated generously by attending members is served after light physical exercises. Any member wishing to participate please contact one of the committee members.

The sub-committee that was elected this year is as follows:

Chairperson—Bharatbhai Desai assisted by Jayandrabhai Joshi

Treasurer—Mukundbhai Dave assisted by Rajnibhai Joshi

Secretary—Mukundbhai Shukla assisted by Prakashbhai Bhatt

Committee Member—Sumanbhai Desai

Committee Member—Lalitbhai Joshi

Trustee in Charge : Ramnikbhai Joshi

Thursdays

Coming Soon

BSNL are pleased to announce the opening of a brand-new Club which will run on Thursdays starting on 31st August 2023.

Venue : BSNL House

Time : 1130am to 15.30pm.

Entrance Fees : Members £5.00 Non Members £7.00

This Club will be open for Members above the age of 18, Male and Female., priority will be given to Members who are not able to or attending current day clubs for various reasons.

There will be varied activities including music, singing, games, quiz sessions, outings, cultural shows, and much more....

Any members wishing to register for this club please kindly contact :

Anjana Thaker (Convener) : +44 7949 830273

Vinod Mehta (Trustee in Charge) : +44 7770 730202





Last Friday of each Month

BSNL Open Mic

After Covid, we hosted Open Mic Live on 29th June 2022 at our BSNL Hall and thereafter every last Friday of each Month.

Whether on Zoom or Live, every month we all sang to different themes and celebrated different festivals and different artists.

We have seen an amazing improvement in performances from our great range of singers, increased confidence, and great comradery.

Anyone who is a member of BSNL can be part of the Open Mic family and sing with us or just come and listen.

We are considering holding an Open Mic session on a Sunday to allow a wider audience to participate.

We see our Open Mic family as a social group, we all sit together and share some food and drink also.

Our subcommittee comprises :

Chair: Bipin Thanki—+44 7774 895814

Secretary: Jyoti Joshi—+44 7852 119507

Treasurer: Kishor Vyas—+44 7903 429491

Committee Members: Smita Vyas—+44 7905 454286, and

Dhirendra Dave—+44 7841 342209

Anyone wishing to join our Open Mic group, please contact

Bipin Thanki (Chair of Open Mic) : +44 7774 895814 OR

Vinod Mehta (Trustee in Charge of Open Mic) : +44 7770 730202

Members News

A Proud Occasion for BSNL



Adarsh Pandya was recognised for working with Children through his Football Academy and mentoring them. He founded Dash Football Academy and he together with the Academy do a lot of charity work as well coach children to be healthier, happier and fitter. In addition to this Adarsh works closely with the Prince's Trust who he runs seminars for young entrepreneurs. He presents to them about starting businesses and building success. He was also nominated to take part in a Prince's Trust video to highlight their work. Adarsh was recently invited to Buckingham Palace in recognition for the fantastic work he has been doing. Another Brahmin Trailblazer. The whole family is proud of him.