



# bsnl

brahmin society north london

DECEMBER ISSUE

## BSNL NEWS

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### CLUBS

- eClub (Elders Club) for members over the age of 65 every Tuesday.  
Chair Shila Vyas +44 7515 819120  
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Sameet Pandya +44 7905 025715
- mClub (Men's Club) for male members over the age of 18 every Wednesday.  
Chair Bharat Desai +44 7512 715777  
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Ramnik Joshi +44 7729 655424
- tClub (Thursday Club) for members over the age of 18 every Thursday  
Convener  
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Vinod Mehta +44 7770 730202
- OM (Open Mic) for members wishing to sing on Karaoke. Held on the last Friday of each month  
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- Young Brahmins for members under the age of 30.  
Chair Simran Vyas  
Trustee in Charge Ameet Sharma



Working Hard for  
our Members

### Important Message

#### AGM 2022—2023.

Many BSNL Members have requested that the AGM date be postponed as they are privileged to spend the winter months in a warmer climate. They have expressed their wish to attend the AGM after their return in March / April 2024. BSNL will announce a new date in the new year keeping in mind our legal obligations to Charities Commission, current constitution, and the Independent Examiner.

# "BSNL YOUNG BRAHMINS REVIVAL"



## Introduction

JSK. The BSNL Young Brahmins (YBs) is a youth group that aims to build a community of cultured young Brahmins across London. We seek to develop relationships between young Brahmins to facilitate lifelong friendships and build contacts within our community. We aim to achieve this while teaching younger generations about our religion and culture.

## A message from the Chair and Vice-Chair:

We are extremely excited to be reviving the Young Brahmins. BSNL has given us and our families feelings of community and belonging, and we believe it is important to educate our younger community about our rich cultural history. Since we were young, we have attended the Havan, Diwali in Trafalgar Square, Holi events, the Hanuman Chalisa, and our favourite, Navratri. We have had the privilege of participating in some of these events whilst being a member of Culture Club, which taught us so much about our rich culture and religion. We have also made friends for life. Young Brahmins allows us, as a committee, to provide the belonging, friendship, and community we feel as BSNL members to the younger generation.

We are still working on establishing a calendar of regular events, and we plan to have our first event, 'New Year, New YBs,' in January. However, we need support from everyone in the community to make YBs a success. We encourage you to ask your children, peers, and anyone you know under 30 to support our efforts by following all our social media pages. If you know of anyone keen to get involved in helping us organise events or have any event ideas, don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

## Who are your YBs Committee?

Chair – Simran Vyas  
Vice-Chair – Simran Mehta  
Treasurer – Kishen Joshi  
Social Media Mgr. – Anjali Subramaniam  
General Members: Mehul Vyas,  
Soham Pandya  
Juhi Pandya  
Vijesh Dave  
Divya Acharya  
Manisha Raval

Trustee In Charge — Ameet Sharma and  
Parul Jani



## Social Media Information

Instagram: [@bsnlyoungbrahmins](#)

TikTok: [@youngbrahmins\\_london](#)

Facebook: [BSNL Young Brahmins](#)

WhatsApp group chat: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/FNTaHHnrQIL3ZvrYYXf2gG>

LinkTree: [https://linktr.ee/bsnlyoungbrahmins?utm\\_source=linktree\\_admin\\_share](https://linktr.ee/bsnlyoungbrahmins?utm_source=linktree_admin_share)



We would like to announce the long awaited return of Sweet and Spicy, newly named for 2024 – Desi Connect!

Join us for a networking and speed dating event on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Whether your intention be business or pleasure or maybe both, this will be an event at which to make new connections and new friends.

Venue to be confirmed but will be in the North London area.

Please register your interest with

Shivani Joshi 07940471419 or

Parul Jani 07940584321

(please contact after 5pm Mon-Fri and anytime on the weekends)

Register your interest early to avoid disappointment.

**BSNL PROUDLY PRESENTS**

# DESI CONNECT

**A NETWORKING AND SPEED DATING  
EVENT**

**SUNDAY 17TH MARCH 2024**

**TO REGISTER CONTACT SHIVANI ON 07940471419 OR  
PARUL ON 07940584321**

**VENUE TBC**

## ELDERS CLUB UPDATE

Nutan Varshabhinandan from the EClub Sub Committee: Bhartiben Pandya, Pannaben Bhatt, Jagdishbhai Mehta, Virbalaben Bhatt and Shila Vyas

The Elders group have had a fantastic month of celebration. Starting with an entertaining Diwali Variety show with dance performances, jokes, poems, singing and more items. The New Year Samelan was a special treat of amazing live music by Marina & band entertaining the members with some great Bollywood classics. The month ended on a high as we celebrated Tulsi Vivah with full participation from many who enjoyed the spirituality and masti for the auspicious wedding of Mata Tulisji & Bhagwan Vishnu Shaligram.

Another month of generous donations by members sponsoring delicious hot thali lunches, snacks and entertainment for the elders. We are extremely grateful for the support of all our donors, participants and volunteers that make every week at the Elders club such a happy and enjoyable experience.

Day: Every Tuesday

Time: 10:30 until 2pm

Entrance Fee: BSNL Members Free, Non-Members £2

The Club is primarily for BSNL members over 65





## Thursday tClub

BSNL Thursday Club (T-Club) started on Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 and meet up every week at BSNL House 11.30-3.30pm.

So far members have enjoyed a variety of activities including themed singing, dancing, performances, and devotional music. We also celebrated Diwali with a variety show and look forward to December themed sessions. Our numbers are on the increase but manageable.

We aim to bring in new and unique activities in 2024 and are pleased to advise that a few of our regular members are coming forward to join our Action Team until formal elections are in place. Our kitchen volunteers work hard serve hot delicious menus each week and all members are eager to help us with all other duties.

If you wish to attend kindly contact:

Anjana Thaker (Convener). 07949830273 (What's app message preferred)

Vinod Mehta (Trustee in Charge)





Open Mic prides itself on being all inclusive and want to positively encourage participation from all members. Our next event is taking place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at BSNL house from midday on wards. This is a special event to cater for requests for some of our elder folk who cannot attend our regular events on Friday Nights. Whilst it's aimed at our elders, this event is a Christmas special for ALL ages to attend. Come with your family to a fun-filled Christmas celebration. Details are included in the flier within this newsletter. We hope to arrange another similar event in January, but aimed at our younger members with a wish for them to have their own monthly event. From when we returned live at BSNL House a little over a year ago, we have moved a long way forward with the quality of performances, and we encourage each singer to achieve the best they can. Our events are jovial, relaxed, entertaining and very friendly the food is fabulous! Jyoti Joshi, Smita Vyas, Dhiren Dave, Kishore Vyas and Bipin Thanki form the Open Mic Sub-Committee, with Vinod Mehta as trustee in charge. Contact any of us to become part of the Open Mic Family!





# Open Mic Presents KARAOKE



**Karaoke event specially for our senior members and their family/friends**



**17th Dec 23**  
Gate opens at 12 noon  
Main event  
12.45 PM to 5 PM

£ 3 for members  
5 for guests

**At BSNL  
HALL, North  
Wembley**

**Enjoy songs with  
food and chai**



**If you like to sing at the Karaoke or attend as a guest , send a message to  
Bipin Thanki - 07774 895 814  
Jyoti Joshi - 07852 119 507**







## श्रद्धांजलि Shradhanjali

### OBITUARIES

In the sad event when a family loses a loved one, BSNL does provide, with the permission of the family, details of the loss of the loved one and further details of the funeral to all the members of BSNL. We use the digital social media of a Broadcast list on 'WhatsApp' messaging where members have provided BSNL with their mobile numbers and also through email on our database where these details have been provided. Please contact BSNL Chair or The Secretary for this service.

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### EDITORIAL

Any news worthy article / Club Information should be passed on to the relevant committee who can discuss and communicate with the Trustee in charge. It is the Trustee in charge who decides the content and meet any deadline set for print. Please note that the newsletter is for information about the activities, events, etc., No politics or any contentious matter will be entertained.

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