

**BSNL's 50th Anniversary.**

**22nd February 2024.**



FEBRUARY ISSUE

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**CLUBS**

- eClub (Elders Club) for members over the age of 65 every Tuesday.
  - Chair Shila Vyas +44 7515 819120
  - Trustee in Charge 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
  - Trustee in Charge Ramnik Joshi +44 7729 655424
- tClub (Thursday Club) for members over the age of 18 every Thursday.
  - Convener Anjana Thaker +44 7949 830273
  - Trustee in Charge Vinod Mehta +44 7770 730202
- OM (Open Mic) for members wishing to sing on Karaoke. Held on the last Friday of each month.
  - Chair Bipin Thanki +44 7774 895814
  - Trustee in Charge Vinod Mehta +44 7770 730202
- Young Brahmins for members under the age of 30.
  - Chair Simran Vyas
  - Trustee in Charge Ameet Sharma

## **BSNL NEWS**

**Working Hard for  
our Members**

### **Important Message**

#### **AGM 2022 –2023**

A reminder that our BSNL Annual General Meeting will take place on Sunday 24th March 2024 at our BSNL House, 128 East Lane, Wembley, HA0 3NL.

Please note that any resolutions for the AGM (except for amendments to the constitution) should be sent to the Chair by 9th March 2024 by post to the above address or by email to [chair@bsnl.org.uk](mailto:chair@bsnl.org.uk) and copied to [secretary@bsnl.org.uk](mailto:secretary@bsnl.org.uk).

All resolutions need to be proposed by one full or life member and seconded by at least nine other full or life members. Formal Notice of the AGM will be sent to members at least twenty one days before the AGM.

Secretary

# HAPPY MAHASHIVRATRI



Exciting news Members, Mahashivratri is on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024, and at BSNL, we are planning a Spiritual Journey on this special occasion, at our Hall.

Members wishing to sit for the Abhishek Puja, should contact Pramath or Parul. The Puja will be Conducted by Anandbhai Pathak. We are expecting lots of interest, so sitting in the Puja will be on A strictly First come first basis.

Members who cannot sit on the floor, please inform us, we have a few places available.

Join Us for Rudra Abhishek which is free for all our members, any donations or contribution will be Humbly appreciated.

After the Rudra Abishek, Farrari Mahaprasadprasad will be served.

**Venue: BSNL Hall, 128 East Lane, Wembley**

**Date: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Time: 7.00pm till 10.00pm**

**Puja Time: 8.00pm to 9.00pm**



**For more information Please Contact**

**Pramath Pandya: 07747802141 or Parul Jani: 07940584321**

**BSNL PROUDLY PRESENTS**

*Desi  
Connect*

**SPEED DATING EVENT**

**SUNDAY 17TH MARCH 2024 - 3.30PM ONWARDS  
AT EVEREST ABERCORN, 78 STANMORE HILL, STANMORE,  
HA7 3BU**

**TICKETS £25  
INCLUDES FOOD AND SOFT DRINKS**

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

## Young Brahmins



Thank you to everyone who attended our Makar Sankranti event to make it a success!

We hope to follow the success of our previous event with a Movie Day this upcoming Saturday 10th of February! The event will be held at the BSNL Hall.

We have two sessions - one family-friendly session watching Encanto, and one mature session watching Deadpool, for our movie fans aged 15+.

The dress code is comfy clothes or pyjamas. If possible, we encourage you to bring your own pillows and blankets to

make your movie day experience fun, comfortable and enjoyable.

Attendance to both movie sessions have a small fee, to cover cost of snacks and drinks, and pizza at the later session. Tickets for the family friendly session is priced at £3, and tickets for the mature session is priced at £5. Please contact Simran Mehta to book tickets for the family friendly session, or Simran Vyas to book for the later session.

YB events are open to individuals under the age of 30, and parents over the age of 30 may attend with their young children.

# MOVIE DAY!

## SAT 10TH FEB 2024

**KID-FRIENDLY VIEWING**  
**2 PM - 5 PM**

SNACKS & DRINKS PROVIDED

TICKET PRICES : £ 3.00

**15+ VIEWING**  
**7 PM - 10:30 PM**

PIZZA & DRINKS PROVIDED

TICKET PRICES : £ 5.00

CONTACT:

SIMRAN MEHTA: 07952976688



CONTACT:

SIMRAN VYAS: 07400983094

# T-Club

every Thursday 11.30am to 3.30pm



T-Club celebrated members Birthdays, Anniversaries, and India's Republic Day in January. In addition members enjoyed a variety of activities including themed singing, bhajans, games, comedy, and event related performances.

The day always starts with hot masala chai and snacks and later a delicious full hot lunch is provided every week. Come and experience the wonderful relaxed and friendly atmosphere at the T-Club. February is certain to bring some Romance in the Air.

50th Birthday celebrations will be an opportunity for surprises.

***For more information please contact***

Anjana Thaker (Convener).  
Tel : 07949 830273  
(WhatsApp. message preferred).

Vinod Mehta (Trustee in Charge).  
Tel : 07770 730202



## Open Mic

Keeping in with the new year, we all hope for new beginnings, we look for motivation and inspiration. So inspirational songs were the chosen theme on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January Open Mic at BSNL. But it would have been criminal to ignore the coming of Lord Ram to Ram Mandir in Ayodhya and India's 75<sup>th</sup> Republic Day, so all three themes yielded some wonderful choice of songs for our members to sing. Combined with a full dinner, the evening is peppered with comedy from Kishor Vyas creating a great family atmosphere. Our wonderful

volunteers all chip in to help out, we could not be more thankful! As we all celebrate 50 years of BSNL, open mic is considering holding a special event to mark the birthday! We are also actively linking up with our Young Brahmins to organise a common event or two. Open Mic is open for any member of BSNL to join, open not just to singers, but to anyone who enjoys a great Friday night out with great music, lovely food and wonderful friends! Contact any one of the following to be added to our WhatsApp group.

### Trustee in Charge:

Vinod Mehta - +44 7770 730202,  
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Secretary: Jyoti Joshi - +44 7852 119507,  
Treasurer: Kishor Vyas - +44 790429491,

### Committee members:

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## Elders Club



Jai Shri Krishna, Jai Shri Ram, Jai Hind!

We have had a tremendous start to the year with an excellent attendance to the Elders Club despite the cold weather!

In January we had a joyous month of many celebrations and pride in India. We kicked off the month with lovely spiritual bhajans by the elders supported by kind volunteers that provide live music for our Elders. The following week the hall was filled with colourful Patangs as our elders danced to celebrate Makar Sankranti and had masti with Antakshari. We prayed to Surya dev and learned about the meaning of Uttarayan. Then came our most joyful and emotional session of the month as we celebrated the home coming of Ram Lalla and the freedom of our beloved Bharat. Our Elders sang and danced their hearts out with great fervour and pride enjoying

every minute of the celebration.

As usual the month ended with an opportunity to relax and catch up with friends but before that one of our elders shared a lovely dedication to Gandhiji and we sang '*Vaishnav Jan to tene kahiye...*' to remember and honour Bapu on his Punya Tithi.

Thank you to all our supporters and volunteers without whom we could not offer such a wonderful service to our elders.

For enquiries about BSNL EClub please contact:

Shila Vyas 07515819120  
Chairperson  
Or

Sameet Pandya 07905 025715  
Trustee in Charge





## **BSNL Building Project**

### **Existing and Future Building Project**

Hello Members, we had an excellent response from our last Mailshot

This is just the beginning of our exciting journey.

We want a professional team, using our own Members, who have the required expertise in this type of Building Project, Please come forward and let us give something back to our Samaj.

We are looking for.

1. Project Leaders
2. Architects
3. Building Suppliers
4. Experts in dealing with Councils, especially in Planning Permits
5. Structural Engineers
6. Financial & Budgeting

Fund Raising through Grants and Crowd funding

I am sure we have all these specialists within our BSNL membership, so lets us all come together and take this very important project forward, we can be proud of.

Let us give our Community, what they have been urging us for all these years.

All Members interested in being part of this team, Please contact

Pramath Pandya: 07747802141, Or Our Chair Parul Jani: 07940584321





## 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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