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For our Facebook pages, login
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Advertise with BSNL

To advertise in any of our
communications media:

- > Website
- > Facebook/Twitter
- > BSNL Newsletter
- > Noticeboard

contact Trupti Joshi or
Harshaben Trivedi.

The Secretary's Message

Dear Members,

2018 is now in the past, and what a year it was! We had highs...and highs...and more highs! The ever popular events and regular diary fixtures were well supported, but in addition to these activities, we saw the start up of two new clubs: one for the ladies and one for the gents! If early indications are anything to go by, I'm sure these will go from strength to strength, but that's not all - there are even more exciting new ventures in the pipeline for 2019 so keep a lookout.

The Board of Trustees (BOT) thank you for your continued support and look forward to welcoming you all at our 2019 events.

Trupti Joshi, Secretary, BSNL, secretary@bsnl.org.uk

BSNL Hall Bookings

We continue to see regular and ad-hoc bookings of both our upstairs and downstairs hall. If you are interested in hiring either or both halls please contact our Hall Bookings Team on 07483 904979.

Advertise with BSNL

BSNL is a thriving community of over 1000 members. If you would like to advertise your business or products on any of the BSNL communication platforms, our rates are as follows:

BSNL Website: Ad in our Website £501 per year

BSNL Notice Board at the Hall: £50 for three months

BSNL Facebook/Twitter: £250 for one year

BSNL Newsletter:

A4 page leaflet (produced by the advertiser) need 625 copies-£150

½ page leaflet (produced by the advertiser) (need 625 copies) £75

¼ page leaflet (produced by the advertiser) (need 625 copies) £50

Two-line ad in the contents of Newsletter -£25

Get in touch and book your space!

Please note: All advertisement should be produced by advertiser and must be approved by BOT.

BSNL Membership

With a view to becoming more eco-friendly and up-to-date with new technology, BSNL are in the process of updating our existing membership database and issuing 'permanent' membership cards (similar to bank cards).

We have purchased all the necessary equipment and are currently working on card printer/database alignment. Once this process has been completed, we will go into print phase and cards will be issued.

If in the meantime, you want to query the status of your membership, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Hitesh Purohit, BOT responsible for Membership.

Regular Fixtures...

'Classical Sangeet Classes'

With The Talented Mr Prabhat Rao

EXCLUSIVELY FOR OUR BSNL MEMBERS

WHEN? Every Monday, 6:00 - 9:00pm, starting from 11/02/19 (classes are 1 hour long)
WHERE? BSNL House
FEE? £60 for 10 classes (payable in advance) for term1, £70 for 10 classes thereafter.
CONTACT? Vandanaben Joshi (07944 913 208) or Anjanaben Thaker (07949 830273)

Spaces are limited so book early to avoid disappointment!

'YB FOOTBALL'

WHEN? Every Sunday, 7:00-8:30pm.
WHERE? Claremont High School, Kenton.
FEE? £5 per person (payable in advance)
CONTACT? Minesh Bhatt (07515 447954) or Rishi Raval 07852 916 708

Get fit, make friends, have fun!

'BOLLYROBICS'

When? Every Monday, 8:00-9:00pm, FROM 21/01/2019 TO 01/04/2019 (except 4/3/19)
WHERE? BSNL House
FEE? £50 for 10 sessions (payable in advance)
CONTACT? Nilimaben Raval (07719 325173) OR Anjanaben Thaker (07949 830 273)

BE HEALTHY, BE ACTIVE, BE WELL!

'OPEN MIC'

Calling out to all you young, talented singers - come and join us for a fun filled evening of Karaoke singing (and a dance if you really want too!) Don't be shy, get in touch...

WHEN? Every third Friday evening of the month, from 7pm to 11pm.
WHERE? BSNL House
FEE? £5 for singers, £3 for spectators (light refreshments are provided)
CONTACT? Anand Pancholi (07984 439 307), Prathik Vyas (07590 818 653),
Kailash Thaker

Our Subgroups

BSNL Men's Wednesday Club

Calling all men, young and old, come and join us on a Wednesday and relax with a friendly game of carom, darts, table tennis, chess or simply have a good chat!

WHEN? Every Wednesday, from 11am to 4pm (starting again on 9th Jan 2019).
WHERE? BSNL House
Fee? £1
CONTACT? Gunvantbhai Dave 07877 565747 or Ashwinbhai Thaker 07811 507546

BSNL eGroup...for our elders over 65!

Our aim is to give our elderly members a great day out – one that is packed with fun and enjoyment and a delicious vegetarian lunch – a day of bhajan, bhojan and manoranjan – where members feel comfortable amongst friends and where they can celebrate our Hindu festivities as well as their own private achievements and functions and have a nice time.

We meet every Tuesday at BSNL House in our upstairs hall from 12.00 to 16.00. Our Manoranjan programs include singing, poetry, film songs, chintan, antakshri, games, jokes, special events, etc). We are very lucky to have many highly qualified professionals (now retired) and also many talented musicians amongst us. From time to time we also have presentations and discussions on various topics. We celebrate most of our Hindu Festivals and make sure everyone has a good time. Weather permitting, we take our members out on picnic and we have also organised group holidays abroad including to Ireland, Crete, Mediterranean Cruise and Norwegian Fjords cruise. This year (2019) we are planning to go to India and Nepal.

In addition to the above, we have:

- Elderly Sangeet (eSangeet) workshops from 4 to 6 pm every Tuesday after our eGroup session for members wishing to learn raaga based Bollywood songs.
- Elderly Yoga (eYoga) class every Thursday from 10:00 to 11:30 to help our elderly keep fit.

We have been running our eGroup since May 2009 and in the last 6 years we have had a “House Full” situation with demand exceeding our hall capacity and hence we have had to operate a waiting list giving priority to long term BSNL full members over the age of 65.

For more information about our Elders Group, including the forthcoming India/ Nepal tour please contact me on:
Email: mr.vinod.mehta@gmail.com Mobile & WhatsApp: 07770 730202
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/BSNL-E-GROUP/339439546238326>
Vinod Mehta.

BSNL Abhilasha's Ladies Friday Club

LADIES, come and join us for friendly fun and laughter, games, quizzes, health and well-being talks, demos and lots more!

WHEN? Friday's, from 11am to 2:30pm (starting again in February 2019).

WHERE? BSNL House

FEE? £2

CONTACT? Anjanaben Thaker (07949 830273)

Priority will be given to ladies up to age 65 and BSNL full members.

BSNL Young Brahmins (YBs)

Happy New Year Members! 2018 in reflection was a particularly active year for the YBs which saw us getting really stuck in with a variety of events in the calendar. From Ice Skating and Bowling to Fun Day and Christmas parties, we had plenty for all BSNL members and their families.

I would like to thank members, old and new, and the BOT for their continued support.

As BSNL usher in the New Year and start planning a busy calendar events, the YBs are no different. We will be starting a Film Club and will start by running quarterly film night at the hall. Depending on popularity, we will adjust the frequency and might even try a movie marathon! The event will be open to all and we will pick films from a variety of genres, eras and different age groups (depending on film age certification rating).

If anyone would like to get involved in this event or any others please get touch (contact details below). As ever we are always on the lookout for new members and welcome ideas!

Wishing you a 2019 full of laughter, love, peace and happiness.

Selina Rawal (07846 933541), YBs Chairperson

Feel Good Champions Report

Dear Members,

I must share the maximum feel good factor of our Young Brahmin YBs is the Young Brahmins subgroup chaired by our dynamic Selina Rawal and her team.

They had a very successful Christmas movie night organised by Simran Mehta and the Children's Christmas Party - in collaboration with Nutan Purohit. All young Brahmins - you are invited to participate and bring your young views to your Samaj!

Bhartiben Vvas. Feel Good Champion.

Upcoming Events

BSNL Mantra Therapy Bhajan and Kirtan Night

BSNL are proud to start the 2019 year of programmes with a night of bhajans and kirtans, the Mantra Therapy way.

WHEN? Saturday 19th January, from 7:45pm to 11pm

WHERE? BSNL House (Upstairs Hall).

FEE? Free for members.

CONTACT? For information or to donate refreshments, please contact Parulben Jani (07940 584321)

Come and enjoy the mantras. the music. the meditation. the minalina and be motivated and eneraised!



Sweet and Spicy !!!!

Join like minded people for the long awaited return of Sweet and Spicy speed dating event

Where else are you able to have a fun-packed afternoon with The chance to meet the partner of your dreams (and There's) With multiple speed dates in a relaxed, informal venue

Tickets: £15

Includes soft Drinks and refreshments

Please book in advance to avoid disappointment

Are you Sweet or Spicy or Both ????

Date: 10th February 2019

Time: 1pm - 4pm

Venue: Mumbai Gardens

Off Headstone Lane

Harrow, Middx

HA2 6NN

For Tickets Contact: Parul Jani - 07940 584321

Harsha Trivedi - 07956 586926



BSNL Mahashivratri Celebration - 4th March 2018

This year, Mahashivratri will be on Monday 4th March 2019 and BSNL is proud to present a Rudra Abhishek Pooja for our Community Members.

WHEN? Monday 4th March 2019, 7pm to 10pm (Puja: 8pm to 9pm, Arti, Mahaprashad to follow).
WHERE? BSNL House (Upstairs Hall).
PUJA BY: Shri Nitanandji.
FEE? Free for members.
CONTACT? For general information: Pramathbhai Pandya (07747802141)
To sit for Puja: Gunvantbhai Dave (07877565747)
To make a donation/sponsor any part of the event (e.g. food): Pramathbhai or Gunvantbhai.

See you all at Mahashivratri! Har Har Mahadev!

BSNL Women in Samaj

Dear Members,

Planning for this unique event is well under way for what looks to be an exciting event!

All family members, please do not miss this chance to nominate and show appreciation for lady in your life.

For information or a nomination form, please call me, Bhartiben Vyas on 07802888707 or email me at bharti_vyas2000@yahoo.com. I look forward to hearing from you!

Bhartiben Vyas.

Other scheduled BSNL events and clubs in the pipeline...

As well as the above listed events, BSNL is hoping to offer a few more things to keep everyone busy including...

- Holi
- Chaitri Navratri/Ram Navmi/Hanuman Chalisa Celebration
- Antakshri
- Bhajan Sandhya
- Weekly coffee mornings
- Afternoon tea (somewhere really nice!)
- Clay pidgeon shooting
- Quad biking
- Horse riding
- Country walks

Keep a lookout on our website, facebook pages, whatsapp groups and newsletters for more information on all our planned events and if you have any ideas for events, please be in touch with any of your BOT and let's make 2019 the best year ever!

Havan 2018

Dear Members,

This year we had the privilege of having Dhaivat and Bindiya Acharya as our Yajman for the Navchandi Havan. It carries on the trend of having young couples enjoy and partake in the most spiritual ceremony possible. On behalf of the trustees we would like to thank the Acharya family.

The havan as always is only possible with the help of numerous volunteers who work tirelessly to make the day a special one - the trustees would like to thank each one of these volunteers.

Thank you Note from our Yajman

Having recently been married we were very lucky and honoured to be the Yajman for the BSNL Navchandi Havan on Saturday 27th October 2018.

From the day Dad (Kumar Acharya) won the chadavo (bid) on attham we were thoroughly looked after and guided by the BOT and Havan Committee to ensure we had a successful Havan.

I had a vague idea of what to expect as my Parents and Grandparents were the Yajman in 2006, however, this was the first time Bindiya and I had experienced and taken part in such a large and auspicious event (other than our wedding of course)!

We are extremely grateful to the Committee for their dedication and hard work in organising everything from garlands to decorating the hall and even organising tea, coffee and nasto for us. We honestly cannot fault their efforts in making the Havan special for us, our family and the Samaj. They made, what some would compare to the scale of a wedding, look effortless and everything turned out seamless on the day from our perspective.

We were also lucky to have Anandbhai Pathak as the main priest to conduct the ceremony for the first time in BSNL history. The way he conducted the ceremony along with the Varuns, with explanation and chanting, made the atmosphere spiritual.

We thought that sitting in the Havan for 8 hours would really drag on but by the grace of Maataji we felt energised all throughout and the day seemed to just fly by.

On behalf of the Acharya family, a huge thank you to BSNL for giving us the opportunity to take part in such a big event for us Brahmins and for making it a special and memorable one for Bindiya and I as we start our married life together.

Dhaivat & Bindiya Acharya

