

## Working towards a closer community

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### Visit us online

Stay in touch with all the latest BSNL news by visiting our website ([www.bsnl.org.uk](http://www.bsnl.org.uk)) and our Facebook pages ([Brahmin Society North London](#)).

Dear Members

Hope you all are keeping well in this difficult time. Trustees are working hard to keep our members entertained by running virtual usual groups and bringing new activities. If you are interested in joining any of our subgroups or activities, please contact relevant organising team.

Take care all and stay safe.

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### Our Regular Virtual Club

- **YOGA**  
Every Tuesday to Saturday, 8.30-9.30am  
Contact: Parul Jani 07940 584321
- **Elders Group**  
Every Tuesday, 11am-1pm
- **Men's Club**  
Every Monday to Friday, 12-1pm
- **Ladies Club**  
Every Friday, 11am-1pm
- **Open Mike**  
Every last Friday of the Month, 7.30-9.30pm  
Contact: Chandrashekhar Thaker 07956 967046  
Anand Pancholi 07984 439307
- **Monthly Bhajan**
  - Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday from 8-10pm
  - Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday from 11am-1pmContact: Anjana Thaker 07949 830273  
Shila Vyas 07515 819120

## Upcoming events

- Brahm Samaj (Virtual) Navratri: 17<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020
- Ladu Making (Virtual): Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020
- Havan (Virtual): Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020

## BSNL Appeal for the Homeless Seva

Bsnl together with other organisations are continuing to run the kitchen with Sandwich making and food packing on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays morning at Bsnl House. This is all done within the Government guidelines of COVID-19 including social distancing, and protective gear. To help with this Seva or further information please contact: Anjana Thaker 07949830273 or Harsha Trivedi 07956586926.

We are also looking for people who can knit scarf, hat or gloves for homeless people. Wool and other equipment will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Parul Jani on 07940584321.

## Membership News

As we are coming to the end of the current membership period, this is a reminder to all annual renewal members that these will become due on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020. Please renew your membership as soon as possible to enjoy all activities.

Last year, we experimented with online renewals and that worked very well. Almost 60% of our renewals were done online, saving the Samaj time and money.

Forms can be requested, if needed, from the membership trustee.



## THE BRAHMIN SOCIETY NORTH LONDON (BSNL) & UK VALAM BRAHMIN ASSOCIATION (UKVBA)

Dear Members,

We hope you are all keeping well and safe during this Covid19 pandemic. Braham Samaj is pleased to bring you a Virtual Navratri festival during these unprecedented times. Please see details below and share this with your family and friends within BSNL and UKVBA.

### VIRTUAL NAVARATRI

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

7:30pm to 8pm – Online Enrolment, Meet & Greet

8:00pm to 10:00pm Vishwambhari Stuti, Samayu, Garbas, Aarti, Ramjaniyu & Raas

**How to Attend:** Use the Zoom link below to participate in the celebrations every day (this link will remain the same) or view live broadcast via one of the Facebook links.

Zoom Meeting Details: Meeting ID: 876 8220 2689

BSNL: <https://www.facebook.com/bsnlmedia>

UKVBA: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/UKVBA>

**Music:** by our regular Musical Stars - Anant Patel, Dhruv Gadhi and Singers.

**Samayu:** If you are interested in doing Samayu as a family in your home, in front of others on zoom please contact Darshna Pandya on 07833 963597.

**Aarti:** You can do Aarti at your home in front of your Mataji. The meeting coordinator will focus the camera on as many members as possible during the Aarti.

You can help make this a successful event by participating safely from your home and dressing up as you would for our regular Navaratri at JFS! **We strongly recommend you follow the current government guidance for the ongoing Corona virus pandemic when attending this event from home and take extra precaution when lighting Divas for the Aarti.**

This will be a free event; however, we do have costs to cover for the musicians who are working very hard to ensure we continue to celebrate Navaratri in this testing period. We would therefore very much appreciate any donation, big or small which you can make online at:

HSBC Bank, Account Name: Brahm Samaj, Account No: 82099748, Sort code 40-23-13, or you can contact Parul Jani (07940 584 321) or Hasit Purohit (07421 367137).

Let us all make this virtual Navaratri an event we can all be proud of when the Corona virus pandemic is over, with blessings from Mataji.

At your service, On behalf of Brahm Samaj, Harsha Trivedi (BSNL) & Hasit Purohit (UKVBA)





## HAVAN 2020



With the Covid-19 restrictions in place, we are unable to bring you our usual Navchandi Havan. Instead, we are going to go virtual so that we can continue with our traditions.

We have met with our Maharaj Anandbhai Pathak who has advised us that we can do this virtually and is willing to host it.

The Havan will be hosted virtually on Saturday October 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:30am and will take approximately 3 hrs to complete.

We have decided to have the bidding process virtually as well. Please contact **Parul Jani** or **Kamal Purohit** to submit your name.

Your name will be added to a WhatsApp group. Yajman names need to be received before Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> Oct after which the WhatsApp group will be closed, and people will be able to bid to be the yajman. The person with the highest bid by 12 noon on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct will be the yajman and we will announce this on the Atham celebrations that evening.

Please note that if you are interested in being the main yajman for the havan, then there are certain rules around Covid-19 that you must adhere to:

- Your household cannot be more than 5 people as the Maharaj will make it 6.
- You must be willing to real time video and participate in zoom.
- You cannot invite any more than 5 people to your house.
- If Covid-19 regulations change then BSNL may have to cancel the event at the last minute.
- The maharaj will guide you in terms of what you need to have to do the havan and will attend your house in person.

**We will be hosting a virtual laddoo making session on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 11am. If you are interested in joining contact Kamal Purohit, Parul Jani & Vandana Joshi.**

Let's not let the pandemic impact our usual celebrations - Jai Mataji

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- Parul Jani 07940 584321
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- Vandana Joshi 07944 913208
- Harsha Trivedi 07956 586926

### Zoom Link:

Laddoo Making: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Oct. Meeting ID: 818 9070 8651; Password: 698682

Havan: Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct. Meeting ID: 886 1528 0469