

Navjivan Vadil Kendra

(Monthly Newsletter)

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Thursday Meeting at: Sattavis Patidar Centre, Forty Avenue, Wembley, MIDDX HA9 9PE



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Lu Sponsorship

Celebrating a special birthday, or wedding anniversary! Or in memory of some one dear! Then **Sponsor** a lunch for **£225.00**.

Guest

Members:

As we have enough members, we normally do not encourage any outsiders to come to our Thursday gathering. Only **existing members** can bring **guests** from out of town.

Guest fee is £5.00

Annual General Meeting of NVK – Thursday 24th March 2011

The annual general meeting started promptly at 2.00. At lunch time the presence was about 175 but when the meeting started some members had, as normal, drifted away. After prayers and one minute silence for the peace of those departed during the year, the meeting started with reading and approval of last AGM's minutes.

This was followed by a report in Gujarati by the president Pranlal V Parekh. The president expressed his pleasure at the progress achieved by NVK, and how disappointed he felt that we could not do much for those who are on the huge waiting list. It had always been his desire to do something for the elderly and was pleased with our success. He thanked various volunteers and others for their help and support. He also expressed his desire to serve the Kendra if members so desired. At the age of 91 he is a great inspiration to us all and his willingness to continue as president will be a great boost to our morale.

Then the secretary, Jayant Doshi, presented his annual report and listed all the wide variety of programs done during the year. These included talks on health subjects, music mehfiles (7 in total), comedy programs, dancing lessons and lots of programs with member participation. We had few film shows and day trips. We organised two week-long outings for members. He also thanked all those who made all this work possible with their dedication and hard work.

The treasurer, Baburai Shah, presented the accounts. Generous donations from members and a grant from Harrow Council resulted in an overall surplus at the end of the year. There were no questions on the accounts. He also appealed to members to give their comments, tell us what we were doing wrong and what we should be doing in future. He also asked for suggestions for future day trips.

In any other business suggestions were made about day trips and about doing more programs for entertainment. Jayantibhai Sheth asked about disbursement of funds from the Jiv Daya account which has been there for 4 years and Mr Avantilal Jasani requested to look around banks for better rate of interest for our surplus funds. The Secretary informed both that the same will be discussed at the first Committee meeting and appropriate decision will be taken.

Harshad Sanghrajka was asked to conduct the elections after the outgoing committee was dissolved. Names were invited from the floor. With 16 names being proposed for a committee of 15 it was agreed that one member should be co-opted. The following were declared elected.

Shashikant Malde – Himatlal Mehta – Pranlal Parekh – Jayant Doshi – Baburai T Shah – Surendra Mehta – Vinod Parekh – Mahendra Kothary – Jasuben Sheth – Bhadraben Sheth – Pragnaben Mandalia – Chandulal Parekh – Navnitlal Shah – Indrakant Bakhai – Dr Vinod Kapashi – Madhusinh Rawji.

Dipak Shah, with his full consent, was again appointed as independent reviewer of our accounts.

March Diary

Chhas sponsorship received with thanks: Chhas for the month of March and biscuits on 3rd March were sponsored by Rasilaben Prabhudas Shah.

Prasad: Prasad on 10th April was from Manjulaben Patwa and family.

March Programs:

1. **3rd March** we had music mehfil from Marina and her group to celebrate Maha Shivratri. Also Thandai, prepared by Indubhai Bakhai, was served on this day to mark the celebrations.
2. **10th March** we had Prakashbhai from Palitana demonstrate the art of making lovely decorations from paper. The demonstration was fascinating and his book was bought by many of our members.
3. **17th March** we had a visit by Councillor Ansuya Sodha who gave us a talk on the duties of a councillor, and how one can aim to become a councillor. She also stressed that more of our community members should aim to become councillors.
4. **17th March** we also celebrated Holi with a small skit written by Dr Vinod Kapashi, and then a program of songs and garba. All members enjoyed these celebrations.
5. **24th March** was our AGM and the election of a new committee. Details of the AGM are given in this newsletter.
6. **31st March** – Members celebrated Mothers Day with songs, talks and stories based on the importance and love of MOTHER.

Forthcoming Programs

1. On 7th April we will have Bhajans to celebrate Ram Navmi. We will also have the honour of Harrow Member of Parliament Hon. Bob Blackman visiting us.
2. On 12th April group of our members will go and enjoy the London Bridge Experience. The London Bridge Experience offers an exciting and interactive educational experience exploring the horrible histories of London Bridge from the Roman and Saxon inhabitancy and the Viking invasion of 1014 to the fire of the Bridge in 1212, through to the modern day. Our group will travel back in time and be taken on a journey lead by first class actors and the stunning special effects will indulge all your senses. After The London Bridge Experience our group will be given the option to be thrilled and frightened at London Tombs-winner of the 2008 and 2009 “Best Year Round Scare attraction” at the Screame Awards. Normal charges are quite expensive but we have negotiated a good rate for our members. 33 members are going on 12th April. **Since there is more demand from members we have arranged a second visit on 19th April.**
3. On 14th April we will be showing a film show of “Yoga Unveiled” by Gita Desai.

Donations received with thanks: £25.00 from Himatbhai Mehta on the occasion of 81st birthday of his wife Dhanlaxmiben. We wish her a very happy birthday and best wishes for the future.

Our Condolences:

- Amratlal Vassa (age 69) passed away on 28th February. He was a NVK member, and helped us to make membership cards for members. He was always willing to help out whenever asked for assistance. Members of NVK will miss him and we wish to convey their sincere condolences to Sudhaben and rest of the Vassa family. May his soul rest in peace.
- Narmadaben (Nilaben) Kantilal Parekh (age 71) passed away on 18th March 2011. She has been member for long time, and a donor also. On behalf of the members of NVK we wish to convey our condolences to the family of Nilaben Parekh. May her soul rest in peace.

Om Shanti Shanti Shanti

Dialysis in Rajkot NVK collected and sent over £1600.00 to a charity in Rajkot which supports kidney patients who require regular dialysis but who cannot afford the same. The charity is doing wonderful work. Our committee member Indrakant Bakhai visited the charity and gave us a report on the same and appealed for more funds to support the wonderful work being done by that charity. In response to this, Dr Niruben Mehta (member of Harrow Elders Group) donated £200.00 towards this appeal. If any one wishes to support this charity then cheques should be made out to NVK and paid to our treasurer.