

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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Annual General Meeting of NVK – Thursday 24th March 2011

Notice is hereby given that the annual general meeting of Navjivan Vadil Kendra will be held on Thursday 24th March 2011 at 2.00 pm at the Sattavis Patidar Centre, Forty Avenue, Wembley, MIDDX HA9 9PE.

AGENDA:

- (1) Prayers & one minute silence for those departed during the year;
- (2) Read and approve the minutes of the last AGM;
- (3) President's welcome and report;
- (4) Secretary's Annual report;
- (5) Presentation and adoption of the accounts by the Treasurer (note 1);
- (6) Appointment of Dipak Shah FCA of Niensens as the Honorary Independent Examiner for the Accounts;
- (7) Any other business by permission of the Chair
- (8) Resignation of the existing committee members
- (9) Appointment of an independent person to supervise the election
- (10) Election of 15 committee members (See note 2)

Notes:

1 Copies of accounts will be posted on the NVK website as soon as we have received clearance from our Independent Examiner. You will receive notification as soon as this is done. Please print a copy and bring it with you to the meeting.

2 Please send your names to Jayantibhai Doshi (jubhai@aol.com) by 23rd March 2011 if you are interested in standing for the committee election.

Lunch

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

Jayant Doshi - NVK Secretary

PLEASE NOTE : Guests not allowed on 24th March AGM.

Shivratri On Thursday 3rd March we celebrate the festival of Shivratri when we will have a special meal followed by music by Marina and her group. **Please note that guests pay £10.00 on this day.** There will be no yoga and the music will start sharp at 11.00 a.m. sharp. All members are requested to be present before time to enjoy the program fully.

Please do not disturb the program by moving out early....If you wish to leave early then sit at the back from the beginning.

Lunch Sponsorships received with thanks:

- 3rd February – Yaswantraj Mandalia on the occasion of his wife (and our committee member) Dr Pragnaben's 65th birthday, and also son Uday and grandson Akshay's birthday. We wish them all a very happy birthday.
- 17th February – The family of Pranal V Parekh (our President) on the occasion of their 68th wedding anniversary, 84th birthday of Savitakaki, and 65th birthday of their son Hasmukh. Our best wishes to all.

Chhas sponsorship received with thanks: Manjulaben Patwas for the month of February.

Biscuits & Tea sponsorship received with thanks: 10th February - Pushpaben Patel.

Donations received with thanks:

- **£25.00** received from Urmila & Dharendra Sanghrajka on their 53rd Wedding Anniversary. We wish them a healthy and joyous future.
- **£51.00** from Pranal V Parekh on the occasion of his 68th wedding anniversary, 84th birthday of Savitakaki and 65th birthday of Hasmukhbhai.
- **£51.00** from Jayshree and Dilip Doshi on the occasion of their son Dipesh's wedding on 21st January in Nairobi. Our best wishes to the newly weds.
- **£21.00** from an anonymous donor on birthday of his wife. We wish her a happy birthday.
- **£25.50** from Champa & Lalji Shah on the occasion of their 48th wedding anniversary. We wish them a healthy and joyous future.

Mayor of Harrow visits NVK

(When Mayor of Harrow visited us on Thursday 24th February, our secretary welcomed him with following speech. The photographs taken at this event are at:

http://www.kodakgallery.co.uk/ShareLanding.action?c=x2j93m5.1f3mxl9j5&x=0&h=1&y=-2fbzj2&localeid=en_GB)

"The Worshipful Mayor of London Borough of Harrow Councilor Asad Omar, President of Navjivan Vadil Kendra and all guests and members.

It is my pleasure to welcome you Mr Mayor. Navjivan Vadil Kendra when literally translated means New Life Elders Centre. It was formed on 5th January 2007 with about 25 well wishers with the hope to get the elderly in our community to come away from their homes, to do some exercise and take care of their health, to build companionships, to go on outings in summer and generally to improve the quality of their lives. We all are living longer then before (our president is 91 and 61 members are 75+), and it is important that old age should be lived with grace. We have succeeded in our objectives far better then we ever anticipated. From a start with 25 members, we have grown to 350 members and we have a waiting list of 250. We have an active website, a monthly newsletter, weekly gathering in this hall, lots of outing in summer, many entertainment programs, many educational talks - and all this has been achieved entirely with voluntary efforts.

Government in this country is concerned about the ever increasing older population. We have set a template and shown how a voluntary organisation can help to face the issues of the growing older population, and we hope that the government at national or local level will study our model and our success and hopefully encourage communities all over the country to follow our successful example.

Under the present economic climate, it is understandable that councils need to generate income from the council owned community halls, and it is understandable that their charges are comparable to privately owned halls. But when a community group is hiring a hall on an annual basis and guaranteeing an income for the year, I am sorry to say that the council does not show the same business attitude as private hall owners. Private hall owners, when they see a guaranteed income during the week days for a whole year when usage is generally very low, they grab the chance and give a very attractive rate. I am sorry to say Mr Mayor that while the council has introduced rental for council owned halls, they are going to lose regular users either to private halls. The council will soon learn that while council wants to generate income from halls, income during week days will be negligible. Surely, this does not make economic sense!

Harrow Council gave us a grant of £3000 in 2010 and we are grateful for that. The council should be doing more to help voluntary groups like ours but unfortunately the last grant was given after canvassing of right people which should not be necessary. Mr Mayor, I sincerely hope that what we are doing in this organisation is recognised by your council. While we are operating in the Borough of Brent majority of members come from the Borough of Harrow. It is interesting to note that 168 of our members are from the Borough of Harrow, 82 from Brent and 47 from Barnet. I would like to thank you Mr Mayor for accepting our request and coming to visit us so soon after our last meeting."