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Navjivan Vadil Kendra

(Monthly Newsletter)

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Lunch

Celebrating a special birthday, or wedding anniversary! Or in memory of some one dear! Then *Sponsor* a lunch for **£251.00.** 10 guests allowed.

Guest

Members:

£5.00 is payable by guests.

SPONSORS for April

- **Lunch** sponsored by Induben & Shobhag Shah on their 49th wedding anniversary, Shobhagbhai's 75th birthday and their brother Dinesh's 71st birthday. We wish them happy anniversary and birthdays and many more to come.
- **Tea & Biscuits** for the month April are sponsored by Saroj & Pramodbhai Shah, Madhuben & Shashikant Shah, Sushila Jaichand Shah, Kokila Rajni, Niru Aween, and Kanchandben Amratlal.
- **£11.00** from Premlataben Parekh on completion of Aymbil.
- **Milk Shake** sponsored by Manjulaben Pindoria on birthday of her daughter-in-law Reena Hitesh and daughter Nitisha Dinesh Kerai. Best wishes for happy birthday.
- **£25.00** from Sarojben on the 72nd birthday of her husband Mahesh Savadia. We wish him a happy birthday with many more to come.
- **Ice cream** by ten couples who took part in the wedding vows program. Thanks to all the donors who participated in this program.
- **Lunch** on 30th April was sponsored by Skylink Travels & Tours who are the agents who are doing Japan & Korea tour. Thanks.
- **Barfi** at lunch was sponsored by Pushpaben Patel on the occasion of birthday of grand-daughter Diya Panwar and graduation of her daughter Seena Panwar. Best wishes to both.

Programs in April

- On 2nd April there was a talk by Jain Vegans and the subject was "Whether Dairy Products are Good or Bad". The talk raised lot of questions and interest from the audience.
- On 9th April there was talk by Swami Nirmal Sagarji (courtesy of Mahavir Foundation who invited him to this country).
- On 16th April we had a program of Wedding Vows. See at the back.
- On 22nd April we had a very informative talk on Stroke, and first-hand experience of a stroke victim.
- On 30th April we had Bingo (and Japan Korea participants meeting.)

Mahendra Kothary

Mahendra Kothary was one of the founding members of Navjivan Vadil Kendra which was formed on 5th January 2007. He joined the committee and became vice President. Over the years his contribution to NVK has been invaluable, and most members will remember him for the photos he took of members at our Diwali lunch and then arranged for hard copy to be given to each member. Because of his commitments elsewhere he decided at the last AGM not to stand for election to the committee.

His contribution to NVK will always be remembered, and we wish him luck with the great amount of hard work he puts up for running some bridge clubs. While he has left the committee he still is a member of NVK and we hope that he will always support us and will be around if and when we need him. Our good wishes will always be with him.

Wedding Vows – Program of the Year.

When a couple have a long period of wedded life, it is sometimes important to renew their wedding vows. This is something which is prevalent in the western society – and may be so in our society in the next generation. However, NVK organised and arranged for Renewal of Wedding Vows and the program held on 16th April was a resounding success. With the advance publicity given to this program a record 280 members and guests were present. A special meal of shikhand and all the accompanying items was ordered.

Ten couples took part. All the grooms were dressed up in traditional Indian style clothes, and all brides were in their red or green colourful sarees. A priest (Nimuben) was present to conduct the ceremony. Organisers took great care to ensure that every small detail of the ceremony and decoration was perfect.

When the grooms entered the hall they were welcomed by ladies in colourful garments doing dandia reception. All the couples were sat on chairs facing the audience. Instead of garlands flowers were exchanged. A lady came and put “tikka” on every participant forehead.

The priest was jovial and made the ceremony interesting making comments, jokes and reciting mantras to make it more authentic. As fire was not possible a “diva” was lit and all the couples went round four times as per traditional Hindu wedding. After that the priest read out and explained the seven vows of which husband and wife take under normal ceremony.

Cameras, mobile phones and videos were taken in plenty and then ice cream was served. The crowd was glued to their seats. Normally half the crowd leave before the program finishes but this time hardly any empty seats could be seen. Ice cream ordered based on experience was not sufficient and a volunteer had to run and get more.

The planners and volunteers did a fantastic job of this program. Members were full of praise and we got wonderful compliments in person and on email. Everyone agreed. “This was the best program ever arranged by NVK.” Photos and video are on the website (www.nvk.org.uk)

Manor House :

The dates for the Manor House trip have been changed to 21st June to 26th June 2015, and prices are much less at **£280.00** for members and **£290.00** for guests. Manor House is a wonderful place with lots of sporting and other activities and chance to delve into arts and crafts.

For more information please contact Baburai Shah on 02084409968 or hasmitashah63@gmail.com.

60th Wedding Anniversary.

Suryakant Laxmichand Mehta and his wife Vanitaben celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on 26th April this year, and have given a donation of £51.00 to Navjivan Vadil Kendra. We thank them for this donation wish them a very Happy Wedding Anniversary and many more to come. We wish them a happy healthy future life. We understand they have received a card from the Queen.

Our Best Wishes :

1. To Dhiru Galani on becoming President of Navnat for the second year.
2. To Rajnikant Sheth for becoming President of Vadil Mandal for second year.
3. To Ushaben Mehta for becoming trustee of Navnat.

Our First Picnic for 2015.

*We have planned a picnic for **Tuesday 9th June** to a wonderful park in St Albans with a lake, some Roman relics, a market, and town centre within walking distance. We will have some warm up exercises followed by brunch, then members will be free to do what they like and then late lunch before we depart for home. While it was announced that we will meet at Harrow Leisure Centre, we are planning to change that. Now Harrow Leisure Centre car park has fees for parking there and we are looking for alternate place where parking can be easily available.*

COST for this Picnic will be £15.00 (members and their guests pay same.)