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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**.

Guest Members:

£5.00 is payable by guests.

Sponsors for Month of July

Chaas : Chaas for the month of July is sponsored by Kanchandben Jayantilal Malde.

Tea & Biscuits : for the month of July have been sponsored by an anonymous donor. As we had to cancel tea twice during the month it has been decided that August tea & biscuits will be by same donor.

Ice Cream : 1. Ice cream on 17th July was sponsored by our guest Bina Shah. We thank her on her generosity.

2. On 24th July we had a treat of ice cream after lunch sponsored by Manjuben Pinodoria on the occasion of 3rd anniversary of their son Hitesh and Reena. Our best wishes to the couple.

Chocolates: Chocolates on 17th July were sponsored by Asha & Jeetendra Mehta. Thanks for the same.

Donations :

- **£50.00** from Champaben Shantilal Mehta on her 84th birthday. We wish her a very happy healthy birthday and many more to come.
- **£51.00** from Sushilaben & Chhotalal Kothari. Their grandson Kyle Jiten Kothari won gold medal in diving at European Junior Championships in Italy. Our congratulations and wish he makes us proud with more successes in the future.
- **£101.00** donation from Arunaben & Vinod Udani (past president of Navnat) who is in London and came to our Mid-summer Mehfil. Vinodbhai always visits us when he is in London and we thank him for his good wishes and this donation.
- **£21.00** from Chandanben Mukund Kothari on her granddaughter Anisha Mahesh Kothari graduating as pharmacist. Our congratulations and best wishes for the future.
- **£555.00** from Bhadraben & Jaysukhbhai Mehta for :
 1. On Jaysukhbhai celebrating 75th birthday.
 2. On Bhadraben & Jaysukhbhai celebrating 50th wedding anniversary.
 3. On their daughter Sangeeta & Dilip Bavisha celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary.
 4. On their son Manish & Rachna celebrating 5th wedding anniversary.
 5. On the birth of their fifth grandchild (Manish & Rachna)

Our hearty congratulations on this wonderful donation and wish them all a very healthy and happy future and out best wishes.

Programs for July

- 3rd July – A talk by Swami Parmatmananad Saraswatiji
- 10th July – A talk by Bhadraben Vadgama on Thumri
- 17th July – Mid Summer Music Mehfil & music by Music Masti
- 24th July – Bingo
- 31st July – A short play performed by NVK members and written and directed by Vinod Kapashi. The cast hardly got chance to rehearse a few times but the result was hilarious and enjoyed by members. It brought out talent of some of the members and hopefully we will see more of such activity.

Mid-Summer Mehfil

It was a greatly successful program. Almost 325 members and guests attended the program. Music by "Music Masti" was fabulous and food by Meera Catering was sumptuous. Volunteers did a wonderful job. Some volunteers had come soon after 9.00 and helped to decorate all the tables plus the table in front to greet everyone. Water bottles were provided on each table. There was some discontent and some grumbles and I need to point out the following:

- We have been announcing this program for the past two months. To ensure smooth running and keep a good count on numbers we kept a nominal £1.00 charge. In spite of that we got last minute requests (including on morning of 17th July) from members that wish to come. We could refuse guests but have to take members but this last minute extra people upset all our arrangements. **PLEASE DECIDE EARLY AND GET YOUR TICKETS IN TIME** and help the organisers.*
- £1.00 charge is kept to keep a tab on numbers. If you have objection raise it to the committee, but once a decision is made please follow it.*
- While everything in lunch was fine and plentiful, we had shortage in puran pori. Making puran pori is very laborious and the caterer miscalculated on numbers which caused this situation. We apologize for this shortcoming.*
- There are suggestions that food is under ordered to save money **but that is not true**. We monitor numbers till the last moment and adjust order accordingly. As those with experience will know, once in a while a caterer can mistake on quantity. All items were more than sufficient except puran pori (though we had plenty plain rotis) and shak.*
- The program was disturbed after lunch as preparations were being made for another function by another organization in the same hall of which we were not aware.*

Lot of effort and time was spent on organizing and arranging this wonderful program and all the volunteers deserve our hearty congratulations.

Iceland Cruise : *26 members went on the Iceland Cruise. It was an enjoyable trip and everyone enjoyed the company, the weather, the sightseeing and the cruise itself. Two members celebrated their birthdays during the cruise. The group had received some refund of commission and after deducting all the expenses a surplus of £500.00 was left. The group decided to donate this amount to Navjivan Vadil Kendra. Our thanks go to all the group members for this donation. Our aim is to help those who are unable to travel on their own or are looking for company. And we are glad we are succeeding in doing that.*

Bowling: *So far six members have started taking lessons in bowling. Like any other sport there is lot to learn and participants are enjoying learning the game.*

Yoga Retreat at Cumbrae Island *We announced a yoga retreat to this island off Scotland when many members showed keen interest in the same. However for several reasons the plans had to be postponed. We hope to arrange something next year.*

TURKEY : *Turkey trip, starting from 11th September, is now full. If anyone is interested then their names will be put on waiting list.*

CINEWORLD : *In the old good days we used to arrange film shows followed by lunch and members enjoyed this day outing and the great feeling they had going with friends in a crowd. We have now negotiated with Cineworld in Staples Corner and soon we hope to start this fun day for members. We expect to have our first show in the second week of September. Details will be sent by email.*

Mid-Summer Picnic : *We have planned a day picnic on 12th August to Willen Lake in Milton Keynes. We will have yoga or open air exercises, games and entertainment, brunch and late lunch. I understand that we are almost full.*

Programs for August : *August programs will include celebration of Rakshabandhan, Independence Day, a talk by Jay Lakhani and Whist Drive.*