

# Northern Tamil Association

## Newsletter January 2009

### Grand Deepavali Celebration – 26<sup>th</sup> October 2008

Popular singers Mr Unnikrishnan and Mrs Kalpana Ranjith were the star attractions!

Mrs Priya Unnikrishnan lit the oil lamp and inaugurated the function.

Mr A Chidambaram, President of NTA welcomed the audience and spoke about the purpose and achievements of the Association. The highlight was the gala musical programme presented by Unnikrishnan and Kalpana. They enthralled the audience with a fantastic music programme for nearly 4 hours. Mr TR Subramaniam was very crisp during his compeering in Tamil. Dr Jino Sukumar and Dr Janani Ketheeswaran compeered in English for the benefit of the younger generation. Mr Ramanathan gave away the Raffle prizes for adults and children. Mr Chidambaram presented the mementos to Unnikrishnan and Kalpana.

NTA wishes to thank all those, inside and outside the committee, who made the event a huge success with their tireless efforts. Thanks to the official photographers – Sridhar from Wirral, Sivakumar from Manchester, Pradeep Thomas from Nottingham and Prabhu from Mansfield. Huge thanks to the sponsors - RAK Medics Chennai, Thanima Food Store Manchester, Dr Gladston and Mr A Annamalai. Finally, thanks to Mrs Jino Sukumar and Dr Sukumar for hosting a fantastic dinner for the artists and volunteers in their period house.

### Association Membership

#### Current position

Subscription by Standing Order:

Subscription by cash:

Family membership: 97

Family membership: 37

Single membership: 3

Single membership: 1

Many of the subscriptions paid by cash have not been renewed. We would encourage all the existing members and those who would like to join the Association to set up Standing Order.

## Donation for Charities

Mr Venkat Srinivasan announced that in line with its ethos of helping the under-privileged, NTA would donate 750 pounds to each of the following Charity Organisations:

- India:** Udavum Karangal in Chennai  
Little Sisters of the Poor in Erode
- Sri Lanka:-** Manitha Neyam Trust in Colombo  
Ramakrishna Mission Orphanage in Batticaloa

## New committee for 2009

Dr Asokan Krishnan from Middlesbrough was elected as the President for the year 2009. He introduced his committee members to the audience and vowed to strengthen the Association with new ideas in the coming year. You may contact any of the following committee members for further information, future events and membership .

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It is now [www.northerntamilassociation.co.uk](http://www.northerntamilassociation.co.uk)

**Encourage more friends to join as Members and strengthen the Association!!**