

**NORTHERN
TAMIL
ASSOCIATION**

NEWSLETTER

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2014

Dear friends and members of the Northern Tamil Association (NTA),

I am, Mr Venkatesh Shanmugam, new president of the NTA, delighted to produce this newsletter to update you all regarding the future plans of the association for the year 2014-15 with new members taken over the office. We held the council meeting in my house on the 13th of July 2014 and it was well attended by majority of the council members. Venkatesh and Radhika welcomed the members. The new office bearers had taken over the charge from the existing members. Mr BKM Subramanian, the outgoing president handed over the president role to Mr Venkatesh Shanmugam.

Dr Velupandian (Leeds) has been elected as the Vice president, Dr Ezhilanand (Bradford) as Secretary and Dr Shanthi Kalyan (Ingleby Barwick) as Treasurer. Our senior advisors and the very supportive council members will support this team. New council members have been added to the existing team. This included Dr Kumar Ganesan (Luton), Dr Siva Maikandanathan (Blackburn) and Dr Nandakumar (Sutton-coalfield). I am interested in adding some more council members to represent Hull, Sheffield, Scunthorpe and Wales. I welcome those who are interested from these regions.

UPDATE FOR 2013-14

Charity walk was organised for 2014 Tamil New Year. The executive committee unanimously decided to support the “Children with Cancer Charity UK”. We have successfully raised £361 for the charity in spite of the practicalities in organising the walk being our maiden attempt and the unpredictable British weather did not help much. Otherwise, we could have raised more money because our members were enthusiastic with the new health conscious idea of charity walk, which is a deviation from our normal bi-annual cultural programme. It was a pleasant and positive experience for our association.

FUTURE PLANS FOR 2014-15

It was agreed in the executive committee meeting to conduct two functions in the forthcoming year. One function for the Diwali 2014 and another one for the Tamil New Year 2015. The team has come out with brilliant ideas for the Diwali function to promote our rich Tamil culture amongst our younger generation and to encourage them to enjoy our Tamil tradition and culture. This will be a mixed with other Indian and international cultures. The provisional date for the Diwali function is **11th October 2014** and the venue will be Leeds. I will keep you posted once finalised. Make a note of the date in your diary to enjoy the company of the multitalented groups and meeting with friends and relatives. It will be fun filled and will end with colourful fire works. Come with your friends and family to enjoy the occasion. We encourage everyone who can entertain the crowd with their fantastic talent to contact your local council member or visit the NTA website for more details. We will soon update the website about the Diwali function 2014.

In addition, our outgoing Treasurer Dr Geethamani, who had done a fantastic difficult job so far, presented the financial report. Dr Kandasamy will submit charity commission report once Dr BKM Subra prepared it.

The 2015 Tamil New Year function has been provisionally scheduled for 21/03/2015. Please make a note of this date as well in your diary; there will be artist from Chennai with more variety of programmes and fun.

Hope to see you all in the Diwali function on 11/10/2014 at Leeds. The exact venue will be confirmed soon.

Yours Friendly

Mr Venkatesh Shanmugam on behalf of the entire team

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Dates for your Diary:

11/10/2014 – Diwali cultural function

21/03/2015 – Tamil New Year Function