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Editor's Report



A very warm welcome to the 2023 edition of the News & Events.

I wish to sincerely thank our President, Meenaben Jasani and Secretary Amit Chandarana and the entire team at LCNL for entrusting me with this task. I am privileged to serve our community in this important role.

It takes a lot of people to produce a quality magazine and I wish to thank all the contributors, including the Executive Committee and sub committee for their help and input with the content.

I am sincerely grateful to Steve Berwick, our Graphic designer, and Sanjiv at Liquid Bubble for always being so supportive and accommodating.

Above all I would like to thank all our advertisers for their generosity and support of this publication.

We have already had many fantastic events within the community, and we have many more organised already for all our members over the next few months starting with Janmashtami, followed by Navratri and other events leading up to Diwali. Please do look out for the emails and contact the relevant teams if you would like to participate, we continue to try and cater for as many age groups as possible and the various events included in this publication are just some of them.

My very best wishes to you all for the rest of the year and the upcoming festive season.

Dipen Tanna

President's Report



I am Meena Jasani, President of the Lohana Community of North London. What an honour it is and I feel so grateful that my tenure began in my favourite season, Spring! "Spring is the time of change, plans and new projects" - Leo Tolstoy.

The wonderful committee and I will work to the best of our abilities to ensure we maintain and continue building upon the strong foundation of diversity, talent and innovation we have established, thanks to your timeless support.

The last few years the pandemic have taught us that the relationships we cultivate and love we share with others, is what truly matters.

LCNL'S EVENTS:

It was such a joy to celebrate LCNL's events last quarter : Ramnavmi; Hanuman Janmotsav; Gujarati Play - " Ishara Ishaara ma"; Link Business & Professional - "Cybersecurity & The Dark Side of the Web", an insightful presentation;

Social Team - "Whist Drive", introduced to LCNL for the first time; LCNL's Ageing Population - Loneliness:Medical, Social and Spiritual Perspective Seminar; Our popular Golf event; Gujarati Natak - "Bapuji Varghode Chadya", the first play organised at DLC.

All events were well attended and we received excellent feedback. Thank you!

Well done to all our operating bodies and their Committee for their hard work in organising enjoyable events.

THE NEW TEAM:

What can I say – I am so lucky to be working with a hugely capable and energetic team who are so dedicated to serving the community.

President's Report

The newly elected LCNL Executive Committee & all operating bodies' Committee Photos and Executive Committee members contact details are attached in this edition of the News & Events

FINAL THOUGHTS:

I would like to express my gratitude to the outgoing President Dinesh Shonchhatra and his team for doing excellent job for last term.

Thank you to all operating bodies' Chairpersons, Convenors of various projects, Bereavement Team, Social Team and Executive and general Committee members . A special thanks to Dipen Tanna (Assistant Webmaster), Editor of this issue for producing this wonderful edition of News & Events, assisted by Amit Chandarana. We are always grateful to our Sponsors and well wishers for always supporting us. I would also like to thank the LCNL Secretary Amit Chandarana & Assistant Secretary Sanjay Rughani for assisting me to enable our team to become optimal in such a short space of time.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Dhirajbhai Kataria for collecting the LCNL'S Records since 1976.

Lastly I would like thank my husband Nitin, daughter Krupa my son in law Soren and grandson Luca, family and friends for always encouraging me.

Lastly, thank you to all of you – I cannot wait for the next few events!

Jai Siya Ram, Jai Shree Krishna, Jai Jalaram

MEENA JASANI

LCNL PRESIDENT

“Everyone can be great because everyone can Serve”

Martin Luther king, Jr.

Secretary's Report



Jai Shree Krishna,

It is a privilege to be serving the community, as the LCNL Secretary for 2023 - 2025. I would like to thank you for this opportunity and look forward to working with the President Meenaben Jasani and the entire LCNL Committee. Its great to see so many new faces join the committee this term and we look forward to building a stronger community, which we can all be proud of.

The Executive Committee is fully operational and have started on a strong footing with some great events. We have a very exciting year planned, details of some of these events can be found in this bulletin. I would like to also appreciate the hard work done by the previous committee under Dineshbhai Shonchhatra along with his Executive Committee and recognise that we need to build on their hard work.

One of the key elements I would like to deliver as Secretary is to strengthen communications between ALL of us. The key to building a strong community, is good lines of communication. We want to ensure that everyone is aware of what's happening and how they can get involved if they want to. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible, at the various events very soon.

In conclusion, I would like to thank everyone in the Executive Committee and the President, Meenaben Jasani. I would also like to thank our Assistant Secretary, Sanjay Rughani, for his continued support sharing the administrative tasks with me.

Finally, my sincere appreciation goes to my wife Dina and my kids Tiya and Josh for their patience and continued support.

Jai Shree Krishna, Jai Siya Ram

Amit Chandarana

LCNL Secretary 2023-2025 • Secretary@lcnl.org

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LCNL Executive Committee



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Back row left to right: Pushpaben Karic, Prafula Chotai, Pratap Khagram, Sallish Mehta, Jeet Rughani, Amit Karic, Sheetal Baroi, Dipen Tanna, Tulsi Tanna, Sudhir Jagsi, Rajnikant Sawani, Sadhna Mehta & Bhavisha Thakrar.

Missing: Rishi Rajic, Bharat Ghehani, Pratibha Lakhani, Vinodbhai Kotecha, Manish Sangani, Shrey Khakhria, Jay Rupatejia, Dilip Manek, Madhu Popat and Haruben Chotai

LCNL Events Calendar 2023-24

Day	Date	Event	Committee	Time	Venue
Wednesday	06/09/2023	Janmashtami	LCNL	5:00 pm	DLC
Thursday	14/09/2023	Antakshri	Senior Ladies	12pm - 5pm	RCT
Saturday	23/09/2023	Gujarati Play	Mahila	6:00 pm	Winston Churchill Hall
Sunday	15/10/2023	Navratri Day 1	LCNL	8pm - 11pm	DLC
Monday	16/10/2023	Navratri Day 2	LCNL	8pm - 11pm	DLC
Tuesday	17/10/2023	Navratri Day 3	LCNL	8pm - 11pm	DLC
Wednesday	18/10/2023	Navratri Day 4	LCNL	8pm - 11pm	DLC
Thursday	19/10/2023	Navratri Day 5	LCNL	8pm - 11pm	DLC
Friday	20/10/2023	Navratri Day 6	LCNL	8pm - 11:30pm	DLC
Saturday	21/10/2023	Ladies Garba	Mahila	12pm - 5pm	DLC
Saturday	21/10/2023	Navratri Day 7	LCNL	8pm - 11:30pm	DLC
Sunday	22/10/2023	Navratri Day 8	LCNL	8pm - 11pm	DLC
Monday	23/10/2023	Navratri Day 9	LCNL	8pm - 11pm	DLC
Thursday	26/10/2023	Sharad Poonam Garba - Senior Ladies	Senior Ladies	12pm - 5pm	RCT
Saturday	28/10/2023	Sharad Poonam Garba	LCNL	8pm - 11:30pm	DLC
Friday	04/11/2023	Diwali Dinner	Senior Men	TBC	DLC
Tuesday	7/11/2023	Diwali Lunch - Senior Ladies	Senior Ladies	12pm - 5pm	RCT
Sunday	12/11/2023	Chopda Pujan & Diwali Milan	LCNL	TBC	DLC
Monday	19/11/2023	Jalaram Jayanti	LCNL	5.30pm	DLC
Saturday	02/12/2023	Afternoon Music Event	Mahila	TBC	RCT
Sunday	03/12/2023	Medical Camp	LCNL	10am - 5pm	DLC
Friday	08/03/2024	Shivratri	LCNL	TBC	DLC

LCNL LINK for Business & Professionals



Jai Shree Krishna

The LCNL - Business & Professional Link subcommittee organised a networking event on 21st June 2023 with an insightful topic of discussion - Cybersecurity & the Darkweb, a topic very important to all of us, as all of us have become more & more technology focused. The event was sponsored by Forum Insurance (Mukeshbhai, Amish & Niraj Mamtara) along with the Beer & Wines being sponsored by Sagar & Bharatbhai Thakrar of



HT Drinks. On behalf of LCNL LINK & The EC committee, I would like to take opportunity to appreciate their generosity, as without the support of our sponsors many events are difficult to organise.

The evening started with a wonderful meal cooked by very own Hasumkhbhai & drinks over informal networking amongst the people in attendance. This was followed by an introduction to the evening by Sanjay Rughani & our speaker Francis West of Westtek t/a Security Everywhere. His presentation was quite an eye opener for everyone, covering many aspects of Cyber Security, including how to help protect your mobile phones. This was followed by an extensive Q&A session, which Francis was happy to answer.

Following the Presentation by Francis, Amish Mamtara of Forum Insurance, spoke on the need to protect your business, in the event one gets compromised. He mentioned that it was important for all businesses to protect their data, as they had seen examples of some businesses not being able to cope under the circumstances!

It was a well-received networking evening with a great deal of knowledge being taken away. If you wish to listen to the presentation, please do log onto the LCNL Mahajan Facebook Page on 23/06/23, as it was streamed live.

I would like to this opportunity to thank the LCNL LINK team, Amit Karia, Dilipbhai Manek, YLS Chair Tulsi Tanna, Shivangi Karia, Amit Chandarana & Jeet Rughani, for their input & assistance, along with LCNL President Meenaben Jasani for her guidance, Dhirubhai Savani, Madhuben Popat, Pratapbhai Khagram along with the EC Committee for their support, as well as the DLC Management team. We are also grateful to Raj Bhakrania for his support in taking photos on the evening.

There are several events being planned this year under the LINK Banner, as such we would encourage all LCNL Members to attend & support them, as our aim is to fully engage the Business & Professional community within LCNL with networking & sharing ideas, thereby providing a platform to interact.

To find out more about LINK, please do get in touch by emailing us at link@lcnl.org. On behalf of LCNL Link we thank the community for their guidance & support.

Kind regards,

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Shradhanjali Shree Amratlal Radia



Jai Sai Ram

Monday, April 24, 2023 was a very sad day for the Hindu community and particularly for the Lohana Community North London (LCNL). We lost a prominent member of our community, Shree Amratlalbhai Amarshi Radia, who was a pillar of the Lohana community. A well-known and respected person in UK and Internationally.

He was born in Uganda on 5th December 1936. He resided in United Kingdom since 1972.

LCNL was very close to his heart and served as LCNL President, Secretary, Treasurer, Building Chairman and LCF Trustee amongst many other roles. He was instrumental in the formation and running of Lohana Union London, Lohana Union Greater London and Lohana Community North London.

First time I had the opportunity to work with Amratlalbhai was when he was the Convenor of LCNL's Silver Jubilee celebration in 2001. During LCNL's Ruby Celebrations in 2016, he was Editor of the Souvenir Magazine. He has always been at the forefront of organizing various projects including Raghuvanshi Diwali magazine, annual mela, medical camp and many other projects.

Amratlalbhai's energy was a source of inspiration and his vision was an encouragement to all of us.

He was a courageous Raghuvanshi with a unique attitude of accomplishing any tasks in hand. In 1983, Raghuvanshi Charitable Trust (RCT) centre was acquired, where he initiated the deal to purchase it and stood as a guarantor.

The Dhamecha Lohana Centre today is a tribute to Amratlalbhai – as it was he who, initiated the project with professional guidance from Bhavesh Radia and supported by many other prominent members of the community.

Amratlalbhai was a strong believer in Sai Baba, he surrendered to his teaching and followed a path to always serve... serve his family, serve his friends, serve his community and to serve members of the public.

I read a quote from Sai Baba:

“Learn to speak what you feel and act what you speak....”

Thank you Amratlalbhai for your dedication, time and positivity. LCNL would not have been as far as it is without your contribution.

On behalf of Lohana Community North London I express our heartfelt condolences to the Radia family.

Meena Jasani

LCNL President 2023-2025



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Social Secretary Report



Jai Shree Krishna and Jai Jalaram to all.

First of all, thank you to our president Meenaben for giving me an opportunity to be a social secretary with Parag as my assistant social secretary.

The Ramnavmi on Thursday the 30th March was a very beautiful, successful event under the leadership of our president Meenaben Jasani.

Thank you to Prakashbhai and Kalapanaben Thakrar and family for hosting the event.

The music by Priyesh Shah and the group was outstanding. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the Bhajans. The decoration and aartis by Prafulla and myself were beautifully presented. The food by Meera caterers was enjoyed by 550 members,

Thank you to our Executive Committee, YLS, RCT Mahila, Senior Men, Senior Ladies Davendrabhai and Hasmukh for their help.

Hanuman Jayanti soon followed after Ramnavmi on 8th April sponsored by Hansaben Vrajilal Paw and family. The stunning decoration was outsourced by the Paw family .

We had beautiful vibration of 108 hanuman recital by Sneha Makanji and the group throughout the day. Lunch from Hansaben and family, catered by Jalsa was enjoyed by many of us. The function was attended throughout the day by over 600-700 members. Dinner was hosted by our well-wisher. It was enjoyed by around 475 guests

My thank you to our president, Meenaben, Hansaben and family, all the LCNL, YLS, Mahilas, senior men and women and RCT members who helped to make the event so successful.

On 20th May we had our annual play at Winston Churchill Hall Ruislip called Ishara Ishara Ma. The unusual sign language play and dinner was attended by 350 people who all thoroughly enjoyed the comedy and the food.

Thank you to Pankajbhai Sodha and LCNL north London for hosting the show, Dineshbhai Sonchatra for his leadership, Meena, Puspaben and Pratibha for the sale of tickets. Vishal for sorting out the ticket collection.

My special thank you to Prafulla, Pratapbhai Rajnibhai, Shailesh, Pravinaben, Tulsi and his YLS team for their support and help in looking after the guests.

Also thank you to Anil Kotecha, Ravi Tanna, Kusum Thakrar and Manjula Pabari for helping on the day.

On Wednesday the 28th June, the social team lead by our president Meenaben organised the WHIST DRIVE - a competitive card game where eighty four participants took part. It was a very successful event. Everyone enjoyed the evening entertainment and the delicious food, cooked by our in-house helper Hasmukh.

Special thank you to Divya Shah for her help in setting up the event with our lady president Meenaben, Amit Chandarana, Rishi Raja and myself.

Prizes courtesy of Bombay Central-Rishi Lakhani, Galaxy Shows - Pankaj Sodha, Maa Krupa foundation - Jayantibhai, Dineshbhai and Sadhana. Thank you to all.

I would like to thank all our community members for their support to all the LCNL events.

Madhu Popat

Social Secretary 2023/25

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Membership Secretary's Report



Jai Shree Krishna

It is our pleasure to serve the community as of last AGM. We would like to thank the President and the Executive Committee for giving us this opportunity.

We in the team are working hard to promote the membership of LCNL and encourage all family members and friends over the age of 18 to become members in their own right. Membership is open to all who are Lohanas by birth, adoption or marriage. In the previous 2 years have registered over 160 new members.

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Lohana Social Centre (Senior Men) Report



Our Annual Panchayat (AGM) was held on Wednesday the 10th May 2023 and election was held to elect the Management Committee for the term 2023/25. The LCNL President Meenaben Jasani was in attendance and conducted the election. The following members were elected to form the new Management Committee:

Chairman Chandubhai Rughani • **Secretary** Kantibhai Hindocha • **Treasurer** Kantibhai Kakad

The following Six Committee Members were elected:- Vinodbhai Nathwani • Janubhai Kotecha • Hemant Nathwani • Ratibhai Ondhia • Vinodbhai Chandu • Pankajbhai Sedani
Nanubhai Suchak and Dinesh Popat were co-opted to the Committee

Ex-officio Member LCNL President Meenaben Jasani

LCNL Representatives to LSC (Senior Men)

Dineshbhai Shanchotra **LCNL Immediate Past President** • Ronak Paw **LCNL Vice-President** • Amit Chandarana **LCNL Secretary**

I am pleased to report that our current number of regular members attending the Centre all three days a week is around 75. More than 40 members play our in-house sports of Table tennis and Pools. We organise our annual competition for both the sports and winners and runners-up are awarded trophies. This competition is taking place during the months of July and August.

We celebrate most of our Hindu festivals such as Ram Navmi, Janmastami, Diwali etc. with Aarti followed by Lunch. We do arrange Diwali and Christmas lunches.

On first Wednesday of each month Dhamecha Parivar host the lunch for the members and this practice is continuing since last five years.

I am also delighted to inform that we collected £3,100 in donations from members for the Anoopam Mission towards their aum crematorium project.

Jai Shree Krishna

Chandubhai Rughani *Chairman LSC (Senior Men)*

Dementia & Loneliness Committee Report



Under the umbrella of the LCNL Ageing Population, two further sub-committees were created. Chandubhai Rughani, Yatinbhai Dawada and Meenaben Jasani were instrumental in initiating these committees and had very kindly invited me to coordinate various zoom seminars. Amongst these, various presentations were delivered on different aspects of Dementia as well as on medical and social aspects of ageing. Contributions from Councillor Meenal Sachdev, Dr Jitendra Kakad, Dr Dipaben Modi and Mrs Jyotiben Joshi were greatly appreciated.

Furthermore, on Sunday 5th March at DLC, a dementia awareness/screening camp was conducted where lectures by Dr Dev Chauhan, Mrs Shilpaben Milan Radia, Mr Frank Arrojo, Anitaben Thakkar and by members of Alzheimer's society, were well received. This event was attended by over 300 community members and the Dementia screening process proved to be a useful exercise. A huge thank you goes to all the helpers on the day including Sanjay Rughani, Amit Chandarana, Jeet Rughani, Amit Karia, Dr Milan Radia, Madhuben Popat and Maliniben Vissandjee.

We held a Zoom seminar on "Loneliness: medical, social and spiritual perspective" on Wednesday 12th July, amongst the contributors for this session were Mr Vinodbhai Kotecha, Mrs Rashmiben Mapara, Mrs Jyotiben Joshi and myself.

Jai Shree Krishna & Jai siya Ram

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Senior Ladies Report



The last programme of the year before AGM was celebration of 25years of Senior Ladies Centre. It was scheduled for 11 March. Due to untimely death of Her Majesty The Queen, we had to postpone the programme to later date. The second date decided was 22nd April but this date clashed with the programme organised by other organisation. So finally, we brought forward the date and celebrated on 15th April.

In spite of lots of stress and tensions, the programme was a great success. Every member put in lots of efforts to make it enjoyable. The public thoroughly enjoyed the variety programme performed by professional dancers and the live Bollywood music was enjoyed by lots of people. The food was very tasty.

My sincere thanks to all the donors for the day. They were, Pushpaben Raja, Dinesh Sonchatra, Ravi Kotecha, Bharat Sodha, Ansuyaben Sodha, Chandrika Pajpani, Sudha Badiani, Maheswari Kotecha and Pratibha Lakhani. Special thanks to Janubhai Kotecha for his help in looking after the kitchen.

I would like to thank all my committee members for putting in hard work. The whole programme ran smoothly and on time. Everybody put in lots of hard work in selling tickets, and following duties allocated to them.

We look forward to having your support in all our programmes. Look out for our flyers which are posted regularly.

Urmila Thakkar, MBE
Chairperson

Mahila Mandal Report



We had our first event on Saturday 13th May 2023 at RCT, Bollywood Bhajans. I'm very pleased to say that it went very well and was a sold-out event. This event was planned at short notice and the whole Mahila committee worked very hard to make it a success. In fact, we had to turn away people couple of days before the event as it was sold out.

LCNL President Meenaben participated in the bhajans and so did immediate past president Dineshbhai. Thank you to both of them for supporting the Mahila event.

The bhajan group was arranged through Veeru Vakani and the catering was from Shreeji foods. We received a lot of positive feedback from a number of ladies who attended the bhajans.

Our next event is the Gujarati Play on Saturday 23rd September 2023, and I would request all of you to participate.

Finally, a big thank you to the Mahila committee and all those who helped out at the Bollywood bhajans.

Archana Sodha
LCNL Mahila Chairperson



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Webmasters Report



I am delighted to have been appointed the webmaster for LCNL for the term 2023-2025. It is a new role that has been created to encompass all of LCNL's digital activities in the coming years. I am assisted during this term by another new member to LCNL's executive committee, Dipen Tanna. He joins officially as assistant webmaster and with his wealth of digital experience I am sure

we can make some real inroads into improving and streamlining the digital processes within LCNL.

We have some bold plans going forward for various aspects of our digital touchpoints with our community members as well as the bodies of other communities in the UK and throughout the world. I have highlighted some of the key points below, so the community knows what to expect in the coming months and years from us.

Membership

The membership database is going to be overhauled completely. We will be looking to introduce almost Facebook like features that will allow members to update certain aspects of their member profiles online using a unique login. This will include checking which email database you are subscribed to so you can ensure you are receiving the emails that you want in your inboxes.

E-Shots + Social Media

As mentioned above, the subscription process for E-shots will be modified giving the members more control, but we will also be updating the delivery method of our mailshots and social media posts to bring some uniformity as well as streamlining the process from an administrative point of view. This will mean we are able to share pictures and updates after events have happened as well as sending out their flyers.

Our current social media platforms are Facebook and Instagram. We will be looking to expand these to include other social media streams as well. We will also be working on increasing our following through regular posts and updates.

Events + Operating Bodies

We will work alongside all of the operating bodies within LCNL to ensure that all digital requirements they may have any events that are hosted will be met. We are very lucky to have a strong base of technologically adept members within LCNL and all the operating bodies that are all willing to help where required.

We will have a great 2 years ahead of us and look forward to the members experiencing the changes we implement.

Kind Regards,

Amit Karia *Webmaster 2023-2025*

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YLS Report



Jai Shree Krishna,

I am humbled to be elected to the role of YLS Chairperson for this term and I am delighted to share the enthusiasm of the new YLS team as we embark on a series of upcoming events and festivities over the next two years.

During this term, our YLS committee has undergone significant growth, boasting its largest committee since its inception. It is with great pride that we welcome 11 new committee members, expanding our team to a astounding total of 23 individuals. This year, we are particularly gratified to witness the inclusion of many fresh faces alongside our seasoned members, all of whom display unwavering eagerness to actively engage in the diverse aspects of our extraordinary community. Our commitment remains focused on uniting the young Lohana's of London through a wide array of social, networking, religious, and philanthropic events.

The newly constituted YLS committee has already immersed itself into the planning of an array of activities and events we have in store for the next two years. We commenced our term in great style by organising a casual mingling event at BoxPark, Wembley. The turnout was exceptional, with over 60 individuals joining us after work on a Friday, providing a remarkable opportunity for communal socialisation, indulging in delectable cuisine, and connecting as a community.

Looking ahead, the YLS team has a host of exciting ideas in the pipeline for the upcoming months leading to the end of the year. Our latest event was Royal Ascot, on the 24th June, which marked our second occasion hosting such a fabulous affair and it was a fantastic fun filled day with those of you who attended. Following this, we will uphold our tradition of hosting a summer drinks event in Central London in August.

Undoubtedly, our most highly anticipated event of the year is Kids Garba, which will be an integral part of this year's Navratri celebrations. The YLS committee is already hard at work, meticulously planning this momentous occasion and we cannot contain our excitement as we prepare to welcome you back to this truly special event.

The YLS holds its volunteering days and fulfils its sewa duties with utmost pride, recognising the deep significance and rewarding experience of giving back to the community. This cherished tradition will continue to thrive throughout the next two years, as we eagerly anticipate making a positive impact in the lives of as many individuals as possible.

To stay informed about our upcoming events and endeavours, we kindly encourage you to sign up as a YLS member through our official website at www.YLSNL.com. Additionally, we invite you to follow our social media pages @YLSNorthLondon, ensuring that you stay connected and up to date with all our activities.

I am honoured and thrilled to serve as the youngest YLS Chairperson and I am privileged to have the unwavering support of the YLS Committee, LNCL committee and sub-committees and Lohana Charitable Foundation. Together, we eagerly anticipate the opportunity to extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you at our upcoming events.

Kindest regards,

Tulsi Tanna *YLS Chairperson 2023-2025*

Youth Group Report



Introducing the Lohana Youth Club:

A Platform for Social and Cultural Engagement for 12 to 19 years old.

Established in 2018, the Lohana Youth Club serves as a vibrant social and cultural platform for young individuals aged 12 to 19.

Our primary objective is to foster a stronger sense of community within the LCNL (Lohana Community North London) by expanding our grassroots initiatives and providing a space where youth can truly belong. Over the past five years, we have curated an array of interactive and enjoyable events that have kept our youth engaged and connected.

From the moment of its inception, the Lohana Youth Club committee has organised numerous activities. These events have ranged from meaningful initiatives like serving the homeless in collaboration with the Jalaram Mandir to entertaining outings such as bowling, karaoke, and golf evenings. We have also celebrated cultural festivals, hosting Diwali dinner and dances as well as festive Christmas socials. Additionally, our popular day trips to Thorpe Park have brought joy and excitement to our youth.

Looking ahead, we have some exciting upcoming events on the horizon. Our youth club will be offering an art class, providing a creative outlet for young talents to express themselves. Furthermore, we are planning a special dinner for mums, and a sports event involving dads, recognising and appreciating the important role they play in our youths lives.

We take pride in maintaining close ties with the YLS (Young Lohana Society) committee, ensuring a smooth transition for our older members as they progress in their journey. Our vision includes fostering collaboration with the YLS team to organise joint events that bring together the younger and older segments of our youth community, promoting a sense of unity and togetherness.

If you have children aged 12 to 19 and would like them to be a part of our youth club, we invite you to join our WhatsApp group using the link provided below. Alternatively, if you have any ideas or would like to support us in organising future events, please don't hesitate to reach out to us directly via email at lohanayouthclubnl@gmail.com or through direct messaging on our Instagram page @lohanayouthclubnl.

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Join us in enriching the lives of our youth!

Best regards,

Shilpa Radia, Meera Thakrar Dayal, and Sheetal Lakani

Your Lohana Youth Club Committee

Bereavement Report



Jay Shree Krushna

I hope you are all safe and well.

As a Bereavement Team we have continued to provide and enhance our services over the last 23 years

Over the years, we have seen an increase in the number of live Prarthna and Bhajans taking place in Venues, which the team have conscientiously

supported from coordination, to delivery of the actual Bhajans and Prayers both live and on Zoom simultaneously.

We continue to support other aspects too:

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Whilst the core elements of our services have been described above, as a team we are very much aware of the levels of sensitivity and flexibility required through our services.

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In the next news and events, we will be explaining the difference between Prarthna and Bhajans in more detail.

Overall, the team feel very proud and satisfied that we have been able to support the families over the last 23 years.

My sincere appreciation to the LCNL executive team, well led by Meenaben Jasani and also the Bereavement team for their support, dedication and selfless seva. It has been very touching to receive such positive and valuable feedback from the families. The entire LCNL bereavement team sincerely appreciate this acknowledgment.

Take care, stay safe, stay well and support each other.

As always, should any of you require our services please contact me on:

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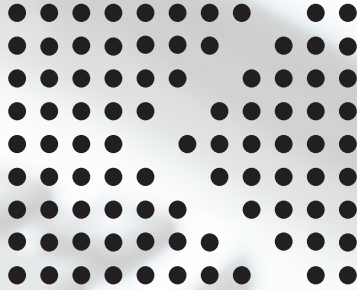
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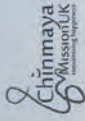
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