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PILLAIYAR NONBU 2004

Dear Nagarathars

At the outset let me wish you all a very happy 2005. May the blessings of all our Deities be with us in all our endeavours in this year.

Please accept my apologies for a rather belated newsletter.

The Pillayar Nonbu meeting held at Cannock was well attended and there was a total of around 97 "elais" taken this year.

The meeting was started with a prayer song sung by Manisha Mathi and Manishaa Vairavan.

A short meeting followed -

Apologies were received from

Mr S S Manian - London
Mr Ganesh Kumar - London
Mr and Mrs Karunamoorthy - Bedfordshire
Mr and Mrs V Meyappan - Cheltenham
Mr and Mrs Nachiappan - Stoke on Trent
Mr and Mrs Nachiappan - Bromley
Mr and Mrs Mohan - Kent
Dr and Mrs Shanmugham - Durham
Mr and Mrs Kannan (Shanthi) - York
Dr and Mrs Shivalingam - Wigan
Dr and Mrs Subramaniam - Halifax
Mr and Mrs Senthil Thiagarajan - Kent
Dr and Mrs Thiagarajan - Aberdeen
Mr and Mrs Karuppiyah Thiagarajan - Bromley
Mr and Mrs P Vairavan - Eastbourne
Mr and Mrs N Shanmugham - Eastbourne
Mr Subramaniam Nachiappan - Surrey
Mr and Mrs V Palaniappa Chettiar - Kent

New members were asked to introduce themselves

Mr and Mrs Ramanathan (Indumathy)
Dr Subramaniam
Dr Muthupalaniappan
Dr M Nachiappan - Bolton
Miss Vaishnavi

A vote of thanks was given to Bamah and Mathi for having organised a very successful Tamil New Year Get together in London.

All letters were sent out for the Pillayar Nonbu by e mail and it was noted that almost all members had responded. Hence the system works and it will be the main mode of communication in the future. However all of you are kindly requested to keep the Secretary informed of any change in addresses - email and postal.

The Sangam website , started by Ganeshan and Valliappan Lakshmanan and subsequently maintained by Mr Selvaganesan and Mrs Shanthi Kannan has been dormant and inactive for some time due to work pressures. On behalf of the Sangam I wish to thank all the above for the work that they have put into this. A web presence is a must . Fortunately we have a willing volunteer - Anand Veerappan , has agreed to take on the running and maintenance of the website. Many thanks to him for stepping forward. Our best wishes to him.

The food for the Pillayar Nonbu as you are all aware is provided by our Achis and it has always been a magnificent spread of traditional Chettiar delicacies. This year was no different. However it

was decided to trial a new way of allocating various food items by a ballot system. All were agreed and a ballot was conducted to decide who should be cooking what for Pillayar Nonbu for 2005

The date and venue for the Tamil new Year meeting was decided - Saturday 16th April in London. The timings and exact venue will be communicated to you by the new Secretary.

The new Secretary "team" for the year 2005 was introduced - Dr Bala and Mrs Jeyanthi Kalairajah. Our best wishes to them.

Prior to the ilai eduthal , bhajans were sung by Mr Sethuraman and his friends who had come all the way from Aberdeen.

Mr Sethu as the senior member present handed out the elais.

I would like to record my thanks to,

All for your continued support of the Sangam
all for coming and making it an enjoyable evening
the Achis for the delicious food
Dr Selvam for arranging the hall
Saraswathi Achi for arranging to send the elai maavu
Mrs Thiagarajan (Blackpool) for helping to coordinate the food items
My wife Sethu for all her assistance and coordinating activities

Finally I wish to thank all of you for having given us the opportunity to be the secretary (not one but for two years !!) . Just as during a long and safe flight where there are pockets of turbulence, it has been on the whole an enjoyable experience and has given us the opportunity to know all of you. We wish Bala and Jayanthi all the best for the coming year.

With Best wishes to you all and God Bless,

Dr Vairavan and Sethu

Secretary Designates for the coming years

2006	Dr Kumar Cardiff
2007	Dr Shanmugham Durham
2008	Dr Nachiappan Newcastle
2009	Dr Manickam Thiagarajan London
2010	Mrs Geetha Karuppiah London