



# LONDON NAGARATHAR SANGAM

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Dear Nagarathars,

The important and unique function of Nagarathars, Pillayar Nonbu festival was celebrated on **15<sup>th</sup> December saturday** at ST Lawrence Church Hall, Emmott Avenue, Ilford - IG6 1AL.

Thanks to the following people in making this function a grant success.

1. All the members who attended and made sure it is a full house even though the hall was big this time.
2. All Achis for their special Nagarathar traditional food.
3. Mr Senthil Thiagarajan for taking time and finding us a hall in short time when we faced issues in getting hall for the day because of Christmas bookings.
4. Mrs Annapoorani Achi for pooja items and Ilai mavu.
5. Mrs Meena Manickam for Ilai Nool.
6. Mr N Thiagarajan, Dr. Nachiappan, Mr V Thiagarajan, Dr Mani Babu and others in preparing the yelais.
7. Mrs Valli achi for organising the pooja decorations.
8. Mrs. Valli achi, Mrs. Hema, Miss Anjali, Mrs. Malar for a fantastic bajans.
9. Master Ravi for the tabla.
10. Dr. Mani Babu for the Pillayar Nonbu songs.
11. Mr Thiagarajan and Dr Mani Babu for distributing the yelais.
12. Mr Valliappan for taking care of treasury on the day.
13. Mr Selva Ganesh for doing a good sales man work on Raffle tickets.

Pillayar Nonbu function started with welcome speech by secretary followed by fantastic bayan by Mrs Valli, Mrs Hema, Mrs Malar and Miss Anjali well supported by Master Ravi's tabla.

Dr Mani Babu did the lead in giving us the pillayar nonbu songs.

New members introduced themselves to all followed by raffle tickets which was won by Dr Nachiappan and Mr Lakshmanan.

Mr N Thiagarajan handed out the yelais to every one supported by Dr Mani Babu.

All of us enjoyed a nice chettinad dinner.

Then the committee requested the members for to bring questions for discussion to the floor.

Mr V. Thiagarajan raised few points for discussion

1. To start the meetings on time which was discussed and accepted to an extend i.e. it cannot be made a hard and fast rule as all people are scattered around.
2. making sure lighting the vilakku being the first event. Usually it is the case but in dee valli meeting the order was slightly disturbed. Committee apologises for that.
3. Every one talking in tamil in all meetings which was accepted but a point was raised
4. Food being bought from outside instead of troubling the achis to make it. This was discussed in an elaborative manner. The same point was discussed couple of years back and like the past achis favoured cooking the food. Main points raised in this issue were our generation kids knowing chettinad food and the food purchase from outside being comparatively expensive and not up to the mark set by our achis. And Buying food from outside for one meeting per year was discussed and almost accepted but rejected as the cost cannot be bared with the amount collected for the expenses and there are pure vegetarians among the members.



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Mr Selva Ganesh raised a point that the sangam should sponsor for marriages and studies which was discussed and the committee took the responsibility to analyse the logistics and processes for the same.

Then with secretary's vote of thanks the meeting was completed with an announcement about the tamil new year meeting on April 19 in the Brombley church hall.

**Karuna Moorthy Karunanithi**  
Secretary  
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