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2015**

COLOMBO SHEPHERDIANS IN THE UK

NOTICE OF THE TWENTY FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 24th Annual General Meeting of the Colombo Shepherdians in the UK will be held on Sunday, 28th June 2015 at The Holiday Inn, Empire Way, Wembley, London HA9 8DS.

The meeting starts at 12.30 pm (doors will be opened at 12 noon). Lunch Sunday Carvery will be served after the meeting between 1.00 pm & 2.30 pm. This will be followed by some games, music and raffle draw.

Car Parking - no charge, subject to availability (try to arrive as early as possible)

Tickets are priced at £17 per person.

To confirm numbers for catering purposes please contact:

Margie Sivathondan	020 8440 2080
Felicia James	020 8641 6961
Astrid Blackson	020 3737 1200

The Agenda for the Annual General Meeting and 2014 AGM minutes are in this newsletter.

Felicia James
Secretary

SPONSORSHIP

The Committee has agreed to sponsor five children for further education: the funding includes school and equipment fees. A deposit of £1,000 has already been paid and the Committee is waiting for details of the exact cost from the Principal, Sister Renuka Silva, prior to making the final payment.

COLOMBO SHEPHERDIANS IN THE UK TWENTY FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AGENDA

1. To approve the minutes of the 23rd Annual General Meeting held on Sunday, 29th June 2014 at Holiday Inn, Wembley.
2. To receive the President's Report for the year 2014/2015
3. To receive the Secretary's Report for the year 2014/2015
4. To receive the Treasurer's Report and Audited Accounts for the year 2014/2015
5. Election of Office Bearers
In accordance with the constitution the current appointees will be re-elected for the next consecutive year

Existing Office Bearers:

President:	Astrid Blackson
Vice President	Annette Xavier
Secretary:	Felicia James
Treasurer:	Malarvilli Umasuthan
Membership Secretary:	Chandrika Varatharaja
Public Relations Officer:	Margie Sivathondan
Committee:	Sunimal Fernando Hyacinth D'Almeida Sonia De Silva

New committee member to be elected - Lilamani Kanapathy

6. Any Other Business
7. Vote of thanks
8. School Anthem

"THEY CONQUER WHO BELIEVE THEY CAN"

COLOMBO SHEPHERDIANS IN THE UK

Minutes - 23rd Annual General Meeting

The 23rd Annual General Meeting of the Colombo Shepherdians in the UK was held at the Holiday Inn in Wembley on Sunday, 29th June 2014. It was well attended with around 61 members, well wishers and friends. The formal proceedings commenced with a prayer and the President then welcomed the members and their guests.

1. Minutes of the 22nd AGM - The minutes of the 22nd Annual General Meeting was mailed out to all the members and was taken as read. The minutes were proposed by Annette Xavier and seconded by Lalitha Dayananda.
2. President's Report for the year 2013/2014 - President, Angelina Jothinath, welcomed the members present. She mentioned that it had been a challenging year with 3 vacancies on the committee but with the co-operation of fellow members the Association managed to maintain the usual high standard of quality overall and thanked all for their support, courage and commitment. Angelina stated that financial assistance was given to the school for the improvement of the school computer room and for the organisation of a leadership course for young school leavers. Contributions were also given towards a Christmas Party for the residents of St Anne's Hostel. Angelina informed that it had been a privilege to serve as President for past two years and stressed the importance of membership recruitment and involvement in order to strengthen the effectiveness and progress of the Association. She thanked Auditor Kris Sivathondan, Webmaster Dugald Gonsal and Photographer Neil for the voluntary support they have given to the Association. Finally, Angelina thanked all the members of the committee and wished good luck to the new President.
3. Secretary's Report for the year 2013/2014 - Secretary, Margie Sivathondan said that there were three very successful committee meetings this year. The main fundraising event was the Valentine's Dinner Dance which once again was held at the Holiday Inn in Wembley. A superb Sri Lankan meal was served and the evening was well organised and enjoyed by all present. Margie thanked all members, friends and well wishers for their continued support.

4. Treasurer's Report for the year 2013/2014 - Treasurer, Felicia James stated that yet again the Association was in a strong financial position. The Valentine's Dance held in February was a successful event which brought in a profit of just over £1000 and this was made possible by the donations, souvenir advertisements and also the great effort put in by the committee members. A total of £2,170 was given towards the school and the committee was looking into contributing further for other projects. Copies of the audited accounts for the year 2013/2014 were distributed.
5. Election of Office Bearers for the year 2014/2015 - Angelina Jothinath continued as Chair and announced that a nomination had been received for Astrid Blackson to be President and requested a proposer and a seconder. Lalitha Dayananda proposed and Annette Xavier seconded. Angelina then welcomed the new President who took the Chair for the rest of the meeting.

Secretary:	Felicia James
Proposed by	Astrid Blackson
Seconded by	Margie Sivathondan
Treasurer:	Malarvilli Umasuthan
Proposed by	Angelina Jothinath
Seconded by	Hyacinth D'Ameida
Public Relations Officer:	Margie Sivathondan
Proposed by	Annette Xavier
Seconded by	Felicia James
Membership Secretary:	Chandrika Varatharaja
Proposed by	Angelina Jothinath
Seconded by	Sunimal Fernando
Committee:	Sunimal Fernando
	Hyacinth D'Almeida
	Sonia De Silva

To note ex-officio Past Presidents:

Nellie Fernando, Lalitha Dayananda, Nirmalee Anthony, Sonia Vitarana, Freda de Silva, Kumari Ratnayake, Astrid Blackson,

Olga Foenander, Annette Xavier, Margie Sivathondan and Angelina Jothinath.

To note Patron and Vice Patrons:

Patron: Rev. Sister Renuka Silva

Vice Patrons: Nellie Fernando, Canice Rajamahendran, Sonia Vitarana, Lalitha Dayananda.

Astrid Blackson thanked the Committee for electing her as President and said that she will do her best to continue the good work of the past presidents by keeping the Association together and raising funds for the school. She thanked Angelina for her hard work as President for the past two years and said that she had done a very good job. She also mentioned that the Association is short of two committee members and would like members of the Association to put their name forward to join the committee.

6. Any Other Business: Christmas Dinner to be organised. Sonia De Silva suggested that we should invite the Past Pupils Association members of St Benedict's College for the Christmas Dinner.
7. Vote of thanks: Astrid Blackson thanked the Committee, their husbands, past Presidents for their continued support and all members and friends for attending the meeting.

The meeting was followed by a buffet lunch, raffle draw, some games and tea/coffee.

CHRISTMAS 2014 GET-TOGETHER

The Christmas get-together was held on Sunday, 7th December 2014 at the Rising Sun Restaurant, Harrow. There was a gathering of more than 40 members, their families and friends.

The evening started with some spicy Sri Lankan starters and a drink followed by a buffet which included freshly made egg and milkoppers. There was a lovely atmosphere of friendly chatter and laughter with live music and plenty of dancing by all present. The evening ended with secret Santa gifts.

Overall, it was an enjoyable evening.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

1. A nun was staring at the people in the street when she spotted a dishevelled tramp leaning against the door of the convent. She ran down and handed the man £10 saying "Be hopeful". A week later, the same man returned wearing new clothes and gave her £10. "No" she insisted, "that was for you". "No, no, that's for you" he replied, "Be hopeful" came in at 100/1.
 2. A man finds his seat in the theatre, but it's a long way back from the stage. "This is a mystery and I have to watch it close up", he whispers to the usher. "Get me a better seat and I'll give you a handsome tip". The usher moves him to the front row and the man hands him 50p. The usher looks at the 50p, leans over and whispers "The wife did it".
 3. "You seem to have more than the average share of intelligence for a man of your background," sneered the lawyer at a witness on the stand. "If I wasn't under oath, I'd return the compliment," replied the witness.
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WATTALAPAM

350G (3/4 lb grated juggery

250ml (1 cup thick coconut milk)

8 eggs

4 tablespoons sugar

½ teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon nutmeg

¼ teaspoon powdered cardamom seeds

1 teaspoon vanilla

¼ cup sliced cashewnuts

Heat juggery with 2 tablespoons water. Beat eggs with sugar and salt, then add the melted juggery, coconut milk and beat. Strain into a bowl, add nutmeg, cardamom and vanilla. Cover the bowl, steam in simmering water for 30-40 minutes. Sprinkle the cashews halfway and continue to steam until set. Serve hot or cold.

ANOTHER SUCCESS STORY

Caroline Fernando and Haridharshana Nagendran students of grade 12 English Medium -Science won 1st place at the Inter Schools Environmental Science project Olympiad 2015, organized by Learnium International School. They introduced 'Go green detergents'. This novel concept has paved the way for a range of eco-friendly and harmless products - a valuable contribution to reduce the effect of harmful pollutants on our environment.



Rev. Sr. Renuka Silva (Principal), Caroline Fernando, Ms. Chethana Johans (Teacher), Haridharshana Nagendran



EXAMINATION RESULTS

We are proud to report the following Examination successes and wish the young ladies the very best for the future.

GCE 'A' - Levels 2014:

3 As	Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yapa Appuhamilage Dona Sumashi Hansani Basnayake
	Commerce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Himashi Mahika Samaranayake • Samarathunga Gunawardhana • Korallalage Done Anne Shayani • Dalkadura Arachchige Chrishani Roshene Silva Gunarathna, • Christombuge Don Ayeshma Ridmi De Alwis, • Anusha Dulanjani Walter, • Ranwalage Indumini Niwarthana Pinto, • Kankanam Gamage Yudeesha Sathmini, • Harindranathan Shanmugabawani Amritha, • Rupasinghe Arachchige Done Kasuni Judith Gayeshani Rupasinghe, • Henagama Liyanage Romeshika • Ruwanthi, Payagala Baduge Dilrukshika Nishanthi Fernando, • Maheshika Jayamini Wijesundara, Manikyam Saumiya
2As, 1B	Commerce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dona Sunali Madushika Rajapathirana, • Seykan Rebeca Dilrukshi, • Kanaththage Geneva Christina Wilbert, • Wijesinghe Arachchige Neluni Judith Perera, • Kalutharage Nimanthi Charushika, • Thailan Amsalakshmi, • Virgin Raveena Fernando
	Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roshela Benedict, • Pathiraja Mudalige Dona Anne Rasanjalie
2As, 1C	Commerce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irma Sera Kavindri Alexander, • Sandrene Petronella Rodrigo
	Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marie Shemani Jayamanne

GCE 'O' - Levels 2014:

STUDENTS WITH 9 As	STUDENTS WITH 8As
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M. Shenali Maheshika Perera • U.L. Suramya Lakshani Perera • B. Sithmi Amanda Rodrigo • Kumeri Menaka Wijesundara • T. Sashika Shehani Perera • S.A.D. Mithma Sudeshni Suraweera • K.D. Ridmy Amaya Karawgoda • Thushani Rukshika Fonseka • B.J. Ruwinya Dishendrie Perera Wijesinghe Jayasooriya • K.A. Enushi Navoda • R.G. Anjuni Himasha Rathnawibushana • W.A. Anjala Keshani Dias • H. Dewmi Ama • P.H. Mishel Anjalika • N. Shahama Kudhoos • H.M. Shakya Samadhi Bandara Herath • L. Hiruni Aloka Dasanayake • G. Anne Pravini Nilesa Dabare • H.A. Oshadi Hiruni Sandamali Perera • E. Sadeesha Chelsy Fernando • T. Judith Aroshani Costa • Dulani Himahansi Ekanayake Wijesinghe • P. Shanelli Dilunika • Jehira Nivashini Xavier • Noeline Jesica Rayen • Hishonia Vaseekararajah • Anula Giridaran • Anto Lorenzil Fernando • Johanne Christine Vinusha Fernandez 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A.A.D Malsha Deshani • S.T. Uthpala Himanshika De Silva • Samadi Dileesha Welihinda • W. Malithi Anuththara Dias • J.A.D. Ruwangi Dilshani • Seneli Anita Woods • M. Menoli Probodya Perera • M. Michelle Nethmi Vaas • A. Tharindi Nimeshika Perera • Danushika Cloria Dulanjali Joseph • M. Tharukshi Malsha Perera • A. Himasha Dulanjalee Pigerera • K.A. Dilmi Ishara Peiris • S.V. Savini Kusalka Samarasinghe • B. Menaka Sevbandi • W.A. Hashini Madushika • Shereen Maleeka Preena • Tania Jesuthasan • Sandriya Selvarajah

BADMINTON

Congratulations to the Under 16 Badminton Team who emerged champions at the S.L.A. Rathnayake Memorial All-All Island Championship 2015 - 'E' Division Girls. Twenty eight schools participated in the tournament.



Seated L-R) : Taniya Perera (Teacher-in-charge), Rev.Sr.Renuka Silva (Principal), Himali Jayaweera (Junior Coach), Upendra Jayawardena (Senior Coach)

(Standing L-R) : Navodya Cordon, Hansika Kumari, Amy Fernando (Vice Captain), Sanjana Livera (Captain), Ishara Pothupitiya, Ashani Perera, Kaveesha Rathnasooriya



VALENTINES DAY DINNER DANCE 2015

The Colombo Shepherdians in the UK held their 15th Valentine's Dinner Dance at the Holiday Inn at Wembley on Saturday 14th February 2015.

On arrival, the 150 guests who attended the dance began the evening with a welcome drink in the lobby. All the ladies were presented with lovely pashamina scarves in a choice of colours to choose from.

The ballroom, at the Holiday Inn, with its glittering chandeliers and tasteful flower arrangements on the tables was a fitting venue for the beautifully dressed ladies and smartly-attired gentlemen present.

The Master of Ceremonies was the elegant Pam Sivathondan and Music for the evening was provided by the band 'Exceed'. The Dinner Dance commenced with the School Song followed by a welcome speech by the President. While the starters were served, guests were entertained by two Bollywood Dancers with music.

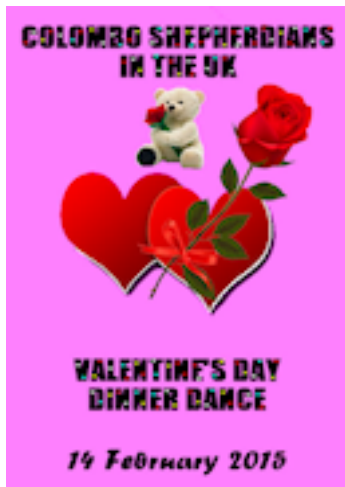
The President and her husband together with the other committee members and their partners then started the dancing to the song 'Lady in Red'.

A sumptuous Sri Lankan dinner was followed by dessert of fruit salad and ice-cream, coffee and mints.

The nine piece band "Exceed" provided excellent music and the dance floor was packed throughout the evening: the service provided by the staff of Holiday Inn was excellent.

There were plenty of prizes that were won by the guests whose generosity gave the association £840 from the raffle ticket sales alone. This, together profit from ticket sales, has provided the association with useful income that would be used to fund further projects at the school.

The enjoyable evening ended with everyone joining in to sing the Sri Lankan National Anthem.



Valentine's Day Dinner Dance 2015



See Photographs by Neil de la Harpe at <http://bit.ly/1K20UDt>.