

COLOMBO SHEPHERDIANS IN THE UK



VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER DANCE

Holiday Inn, Wembley

14 February 2015

PROGRAMME

- 19.30 • Reception
- 20.00 • Doors Open
- 20.15 • School Song and
Welcome address by the President
- 20.30 • Starters served
- 20.45 • Let the dancing begin
- 21.00 • Sale of Raffle Tickets
- 21.30 • Dinner to the sounds of EXCEED
- 22.00 • Table Draw and Entrance Draw
- 22.30 • First Baila Session
- 23.00 • Grand Raffle Draw
- 00.15 • Second Baila Session
- 00.30 • Final Dance Session
- 00.55 • National Anthems
- 01.00 • Carriages



RAFFLE PRIZES

- 1 • £200 Cash Prize
- 2 • £100 John Lewis Voucher
- 3 • Meat Carving Set by Judge
- 4 • Basket of Liquor
- 5 • £50 Debenhams Voucher
- 6 • £50 M&S Voucher
- 7 • Lorus Ladies Watch
- 8 • Mahogany Solitaire Board Game



Entrance Draw

- Lunch for 2 Sunday Buffet at the Holiday Inn Wembley
- Bottle of Champagne and Chocolates

Table Prizes

- Boxes of chocolates and bottles of wine

Message from the President

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you all to our Fifteenth Valentine's Dinner Dance. This event gives us the chance to raise much needed funds for our Alma Mater and provides us with a wonderful opportunity to meet old friends, make new friends and to participate in an evening of fellowship and fun.

Our contribution to the school last year enabled the creation of a Youth Leadership Programme for the older children and funded the Christmas Party for the residents of St Ann's Hostel. We are currently examining proposals for supporting and funding activities and new projects in 2015.



May I take this opportunity to thank Members of the Committee, Past Presidents, their families and our many friends and supporters for all the work that has gone into organising this Valentine's Dinner Dance. My thanks also go to all of you present here tonight, our sponsors, donors, well-wishers and the management and staff of the Holiday Inn for helping to make this evening successful.

I wish you all a great evening. Thank you!



Astrid Blackson

MENU

(All courses will be served at the table)

STARTERS

- Chicken Tikka
- Chilli Paneer
- Masala Fish



MAIN

- Yellow Rice
- Lamb Curry
- Fish Ambulthiyal
- Cashew and Green Pea Curry
- Bean Curry
- Brinjal Morju
- Tomato & Onion Salad
- Prawn Blachang
- Malay Pickle

DESSERT

- Fruit Salad
- Ice Cream
- Coffee & Mints

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Colombo Shepherdians in the UK thank most sincerely:-

- Our Advertisers
- The Management and Staff of the Holiday Inn
- Exceed
- Our members, friends and well wishers
- And very specially, to You, our guests
- For their continuing support
- For their help with the arrangements, the excellent food and services and also for donating the Entrance Draw prize
- for providing the music for the evening
- For their generous donations and gifts
- For your loyal and continued support and presence over the years



Message from the Principal Rev. Sister Renuka Silva



I was delighted to hear that the PPA UK Branch has organized a Dinner Dance this year too, and as we step into the new year I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the members and their families a very happy and prosperous 2015.

Enthusiasm is the engine of success and this has been the bottom line of all events organized by your Branch Association in the past. I have absolutely no doubt that all of you are highly motivated towards achieving success in your present venture too.

The sound educational and religious background you received in the hands of the dedicated Reverend Sisters, Teachers, and guidance from your parents has helped to imbibe in you wonderful qualities. This in turn has helped you to be responsible members of the Society and keep the Shepheridian flag flying high.

Whoever is generous to the less privileged lends to the Lord. Special mention must be made of your generosity towards the students of your Alma Mater. As we move into a future world which is becoming more and more complex with rapid development I'm confident that you will always stand strong and firm in making a success of all that you do, through motivated and helpful action. This will make the "Past Shepherdians of the United Kingdom" shining examples who will inspire others to believe that 'Unity Is Strength'.

May God Bless You!




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*In Loving Memory of
Mrs Diana de Silva
and
Mrs Beryl Rangala*

*Sadly missed by
Astrid, Michael
and Neil
Blackson*



School Anthem



Round us the chimes of St Lucy resounding
Calling her children to join her in prayer
Fill all our hearts here with pure joy abounding
And banish far from us both sorrow and care
Whilst of our school we sing, making the echoes ring
Vaunting her glory, her status her love
Erin and Lanka dear, joining their voices clear
Beg of their Mother kind gifts from above



Then God save our school where our youth grows in learning
Our youth grows in virtue, in beauty and worth
Then God bless our school where our mothers' discerning
Are one with their children in sorrow and mirth
God save us young & old, fill us with joy untold
And make His dear Mother our Mother today
Make us to Mary true, wearing here white & blue
Strong and immaculate all through life's way



IN MEMORY OF MY DEAREST AND LOVING MOTHER



Marguerite Edrisinghe

You have been an unfailing source of inspiration and support through my growing years. You are my role model of selfless service to others giving always from the heart.

Your famous words to us:
"Give till it hurts".

Thank you for demonstrating that the purpose of life is a life of purpose. Your pupils have treasured memories of you like your three children as you have developed the lives of all of us. You are too loved to be forgotten.

AND MY BROTHER

Christopher Edrisinghe



who passed away in 2013 to join his mother attended Montessori at GSC. He followed the principles taught by our Mum and continued the tradition of sharing and giving.

Sonia Vitarana (nee Edrisinghe)

With best wishes for a
successful Evening



A Well - Wisher

Colombo Shepherdians in the UK

Who are we?



We are the United Kingdom alumni association of Good Shepherd Convent, Kotahena, Colombo 13, Sri Lanka.

Our association is called the 'Colombo Shepherdians in the UK' and is abbreviated to CSUK.

Our school was opened on 1st May 1869 by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, an Order founded over two hundred years ago in Angers, France, by St. Mary Euphrasia Pelletier who believed that God is like a compassionate Shepherd whose love for all is boundless. The school in Sri Lanka is open to children from any cultural background or religion.

CSUK was inaugurated in 1991 with the principal objectives of helping our old school and fostering camaraderie and social networking amongst our members and other Colombo Shepherdians internationally.

If you are a Colombo Shepherdian and want to join us or if you have any comments or suggestions about our alumni association please contact the Secretary at secretary@shepherdians.org.

If you are a visitor to our Valentines Dance we hope you find us interesting and will return. Do visit our web site at <http://www.shepherdians.org>

