

CASUNIK Cambodian Society in the United Kingdom CASUNIK Linfield 4 Curtis Close Headley, Borden Hants GU35 8BP

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# Annual General Report

September 2022 - September 2023

Activities:

**PCHOUM BEN** Ceremony on Saturday 24th September 2022 at Amaravati Buddhist Monastery. Funds raised during Bang Skaul Ceremony were donated directly to the temple at the end of the Ceremony. Followed by religious ceremony leaded by Ajahn Amaro (Abbot) a special prayer followed by Mrs Rina Tann and all community members.

**WINTER GATHERING PARTY** Saturday 10th December 2022 at the VLC Community Centre from 6pm-11pm. The party was dedicated for all Cambodian students, in the UK, the community members, led by Mr Dara Than. were most welcomed for a special get together evening.

# CAMBODIAN NEW YEAR Celebration on Saturday 15h April 2023

- Ceremony opening and greeting speech by Mrs Sobopha Owen
- Introduction attendance of the head of monk, Ajahn Bodipala from Amaravati.
- Greeting Speech by HE Kan Paridh Ambassador, to the community members and guests invited.
- The Buddhist Ceremony Chanting blessing leaded by 5 monks , requesting the Five Precepts and Bang Skaul, with assistance of Mrs Rina Tann .
- The community's members and guests in the UK and from Abroad.
- Funds raised from Bang Skaull were donated to Amamravati directly at the end of Ceremony
- Gifts Monks packs donated by HE Kan Paridh Ambassador of the Royal Embassy of Cambodia to the UK,
- Gifts Monks packs ftom Casunik, and community's members.
- Alms food offering to Monks and buffet lunch to the guests and the community.
- Live Dancing Music leaded by 3 musicians from France: Mr Mrs Sam Bernard, Mr Samley Hong.
- DJ directed by Mr Sorel Nou, operated by Mr Dennis Radsky-Fisher until 10.30pm.
- Raffles tickets sales leaded by Ms Monica M Chap, Mr Dara Than, Mr Sinang Chrea and two students assistants. We had a successful enjoyable raffles draw with a full house of guests on our New YEAR Celebration 2023.

## Support team:

CASUNIK/Administration

- General Manager: Mr Sorel Nou
- Book keeper/Reception/Raffles sale: Mr Sinang Chrea, Mr Dara Than, Ms Monica M Chap, Mr Dennis Radsky-Fisher, Mrs Suphali Unn-Nesbit.
- General Assistant: Ms Ramoni Tep,, Ms Monica M Chap, Mr & Mrs Sophia Young & two students
- Food catering Manager : Ms Pranee Nou
- Kitchen Assistant: Mrs Nory Radsky-Fisher, Ms Phally
- DJ Traditional Khmer and Disco music: Mr Sorel Nou, operated by Mr Dennis Radsky-Fisher.
- Food catering provider: The Royal Embassy of Cambodia and the community members, Mrs Sunami Nou, Ms Pranee Nou, Mrs Mien Tan, Mrs Pisey Ith, Mrs Tan Chea, Mrs Suphali Unn-Nesbit.
- Stage/hall decoration team: Mrs Sobopha Owen, Mr & Mrs Sophia Young, Mr Pierre Palluet, Mr Dennis Radsky-Fisher, Mr Sinang Chrea
- Clear up team after the Party: Mrs Sobopha Owen, Mr Sinang Chrea, Mr & Mrs Sorel, Nami Nou, Ms Pranee Nou, Mr Pierre Palluet. Mr Dennis Radsky-Fisher, Mrs Nory Radsky-fisher.

We are honoured by good numbers of guests, including:

- Seniors Monks from Amaravati Buddhist Monastery.
- The Royal Embassy of Cambodia to the UK, all staff members, community's members with young children travelled far from different places in the UK.
- Special attendance this year by our friends of the community Mr Vicko Ouk, who has kindly coordinated the trip successfully for the Musicians from France to the UK on the special big Celebration for year 2023.
- We are touched and thankful to all new and existing members, Young families with young children travelled from far distances to support our Traditional National day. We had a fantastic New year celebration.

## **Special Recognitions:**

All generous donations on the day of each event are recorded (in Casunik Bookkeeping Records) with thanks To support future activities, we received generous donations on New Year Celebration

| HE Ambassador Kan Paridh | £200.00 |
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| Mr and Mrs Tan Chea      | £115.00 |

## List of Committee Members 2023 - 2024:

- Mrs Sobopha Owen (President)
- Mr Sorel Nou (Vice President DJ & Sound Engineer)
- Ms Pranee Nou (Treasurer)
- Mrs Suphali Unn-Nesbit (General Secretary)
- Mr Sinang Chrea (Membership Secretary)
- Mr Rithy Hy (Sport Secretary)
- Mr Dara Than (General Coordinator)
- Mr Dennis Hradsky-Fisher (General Assistant)
- Mr Chea Tan (Adviser)
- Mr Usaly Tan (Adviser)

CASUNIK/Administration

- Mr Sunit Pak Samay (Adviser)
- Sam Ruos (Web Administrator)

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#### **FUTURE EVENTS:**

#### **CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR PARTY**

Saturday 16th December 2023 from 5pm to 11pm @ The VLC Community Centre: VLC COMMUNITY CENTRE Vietnam-Laos-Cambodia Community Centre 151 Whiston Road Haggerston Hackney London E2 8BN

# **CAMBODIAN NEW YEAR**

Saturday 13th April 2024 @ The VLC Community Centre: VLC COMMUNITY CENTRE Vietnam-Laos-Cambodia Community Centre 151 Whiston Road Haggerston Hackney London E2 8BN

## **KATHINA FESTIVAL**

Sunday 19th Nov 2023 @ CITTAVIVEKA Buddhist Monastery: Chithurst Buddhist Monastery Chithurst, Petersfield Hampshire, GU31 5EU

## **KATHINA FESTIVAL**

Sunday 26th Nov 2023 @ AMARAVATI Buddhist Monastery St Margarets Great Gaddesden Hemel Hempstead Hertfordshire, HP1 3BZ

Helps needed for both Monasteries: Volunteering in kitchen/General Assistant. Please enquire directly to the Temples.

We would like to express our thank you and appreciation to all that have been supportive to our Society.

We wish you all and families GOOD HEALTH, GOOD LUCK and HAPPINESS!

*On behalf of Casunik Executive committee members* Mrs Sobopha Owen President