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Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa barakatuh

My two year term as President is almost at an end and I am pleased to report that Alhamdulillah this year has been another challenging but exciting year for my ExCo and myself in continuing the delivery of our traditional religious events as well as organising vital fundraising initiatives. We have also tried different methods and avenues to uplift the charity work with membership involvement to ensure continuity and progressive succession of SLIA as I feel many members are still indifferent to the course of SLIA.

Being a charity we have limited resources and I am very grateful to the continuing support of our sponsors, donors and ExCo families who have been invaluable in their efforts in not only maintaining but enhancing the delivery of all sponsored and ticketed events.

Alhamdulillah, we celebrated 45 years in November 2016 and the Eid-ul- Adha event served as a wonderful opportunity to commemorate us reaching this remarkable milestone and we were honoured to see so many of SLIA Past Presidents together with their families, friends and many well-wishers joining our celebratory dinner. To coincide with our 45th anniversary, Sister Ishreen together with help from Past Presidents Brothers Azahim Mohamed and Mohamed Saleem and our Vice President Alan Wahab, wrote an article on the history of SLIA which was published in Newslanka (Issue 1345) and distributed at our Eid event.

Please do read the Sub-Committee and Treasurer Reports providing you with up to date information from the Chair persons following their hard work and dedication to ensure that we meet our goals and objectives. Alhamdulillah you will note that financially our accounts are in a sound position with both the Building and Charity Accounts holdings in excess of £50K. However, it is disappointing to note that the Membership Account continues to be low despite the membership numbers held in the database. Please can I also make a plea to those who have not yet paid their annual subscriptions to do as soon as possible as this is our only source of income for printing and postage of Newsletters, notices and AGM Packs.

The nominations for Office Bearers position for 2018/19 have closed and we enclose on Page 3 the list of nominations received as of Tuesday 2nd January 2018. Inshaa Allah the 46th AGM Packs shall be sent out soon and we look forward to seeing you all at the next AGM on Sunday, 8th April 2018.

Finally, I would like to thank my wife, Maziya and children and the ExCo team and spouses for their hard work and invaluable support throughout my term. May Almighty Allah (SWT) help SLIA proceed from strength to strength. ❦

Was Salaam

Jazal Marzook, President of SLIA

SLIA Vision
To connect our members
with their Sri Lankan
heritage





Notice of the 46th Annual General Meeting

Sunday, 8th April 2018

11:00am – 2:00pm

Refreshments from 10:30am

Claremont High School

Claremont Avenue, Harrow, HA3 0UH

Free Parking available

Contact:

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SLIA Nominations - Office Bearers for 2018/2019

The SLIA Constitution dated 14th July 2002 as amended on 26th March 2006 states that the nominations for the posts of Office Bearers should be received on the first working day in January.

We are pleased to announce that the following nominations were received on Tuesday, 2nd January 2018 and shall be presented at the 46th Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Sunday, 8th April 2018 for confirmation.

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Secunder
President	Ahamed Wahab	Fuzna Hafeel	Hazari Hafeel
Vice –President	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT
Treasurer	Nakeeb Atheeq	Fazly Wahab	Azhar Salahudeen
Assistant Treasurer	Ikram Fareed	Hazari Hafeel	Fuzna Hafeel
Secretary	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT
Assistant Secretary	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT
Committee Member	Jazal Marzook	Sadat Sadiq	Rafat Hashim
Committee Member	Sadat Sadiq	Fazly Wahab	Jazal Marzook
Committee Member	Rafat Hashim	Jazal Marzook	Sumi Hashim
Committee Member	Shehan Nagur	Fazal Alavi	Ahamed Wahab
Committee Member	Khalid Malhar	Farook Zavahir	Ahamed Wahab

Treasurer Report

Report – December 2017

My dear Brothers and Sisters, Assalamu Alaikum

Membership Subscriptions

So far this year, we have received the sum of £2,605 (previous year £2,336) in membership subscriptions. Although, subscriptions collected this year is slightly higher than the previous year, there are still a significant number of members who are yet to settle their dues.

Our Current account balance currently stands at £848.14. This being our main source of income to cover SLIA annual administrative expenses, we kindly urge any members who have not yet paid, to pay your overdue subscriptions before this year end.

You can either pay by cheque made payable to 'Sri Lanka Islamic (UK) Association, set up an annual Standing Order or make Online payments. Our bank details are as follows:

Account Name:	SRI LANKA ISLAMIC (UK) ASSOCIATION
Sort Code:	30-99-08
Account Number:	01663411
Bank:	Lloyds Bank PLC

Charity Account

Charity Account funds as at 31st December 2017, stands at £68,711.78 of which 'Restricted Funds' of £41,580.19 has been set aside for Water, Toilet and School Projects etc.

Building Account

Regular monthly rental receipts continues to come in from our tenant at Hanwell Building. As at 31st December 2017, 'Rent Account' bank balance stands at £53,206.41. So far this year, we have expensed £2,894 on building planning application fees.

Distress Account

Balance in Distress Fund account is £2,585 as at 31st December 2017.

Just to keep you all informed that we are in the process of compiling our accounts for financial year end 31st December 2017 to be submitted to our independent auditors early in the New Year, Insha Allah.

Finally, may I kindly urge you to contact us should you have any questions and with your valuable comments and suggestions.

Wa alaikum Salaam

Fazly Wahab, Treasurer

Building Sub-committee Report

Sub-committee

Chair:

Jezri Mohideen

Members:

Shamique

Ismail

Jazal Marzook

Latiff Abdeen

Althaf Zahir

Haleem Ossman

Current Status

By the Grace of Almighty Allah we are pleased to announce that the SLIA Centre continues to be rented and the closing balance as at 31st December 2017 is £53,206.41. and, that we have expensed £2,894 this year on building planning application fees.

Plans for this Year

Since the last update there is no progress in relation to the lease assignment issue with the current tenant. After a number of deadlines we informed the tenant that we are increasing the rent to £15,000 p.a (from £13,000), in line with valuers report. Alhamdulillah, we have managed to negotiate the rental increase from September.

Currently we are progressing with the rear extension project work all the way until the ready to build stage. The strategy is to do the works when we get the agreement from the current or any future tenant. Currently the structural engineer is in talks with the neighbours to agree on the party wall agreements etc. Once that's done Insha'Allah we shall proceed to get quotations.

Since the extension work will involve significant disruptions to the tenant it will be very difficult to proceed without his permission. Once all the necessary pre-build work is carried out we will be having a serious discussion with the tenant. Also, we have agreed with the tenant that any future lease sale will include rear extension work.

Insha' Allah we should be in a position to give a more comprehensive update early in the New Year.

If there are any volunteers who wish to contribute to the building extension plan please feel free to contact any of the ExCo or Sub-committee members.

Was Salaam,

Jezri Mohideen, Chair Building Sub-committee



SLIA Building
Rear aspect



Adjacent building
with rear
extension

SLIA Mission

SLIA's mission is to promote charitable, social, cultural, sports and educational activities to achieve unity and strengthen relationships in line with our religious and cultural values for the benefit of our members and the communities we engage with

Charity Sub-committee

By Sub-committee Chair: **Ishreen Bradley**

SLIA were fortunate to receive the input of a guest speaker, Mohamed Faleel Marikar from Forut (Rahma), who has experience of implementing charitable projects in the Neeravipity area. Mohamed advised the following:

- Conduct full and holistic research/sustainability studies before we provide funds.
- He believes that vocational education provides a more sustainable benefit to building infrastructure projects. For example, funding qualifications such as NVQs DVTC or ICT training.
- A more strategic approach to funding with results based management to ensure performance.

Given this advice, our team will seek to establish the projects to which our funds can best be applied, including: toilets, drinking water, cooking and capacity building such as youth vocational training. A separate brainstorming meeting will be set up with a wider participant base to explore and agree on our focus for next year. Please contact the Charity Sub-Committee chair or the Exco if you wish to join the Charity sub-committee to champion initiatives by helping gather information, produce reports and conduct site visits.

Toilets/ Water Project

Money has been advanced to extract water from a well and distribute clean water by tap to 15 houses. Our priority is to ensure the proper distribution of water before funding the building of further toilets.

Building Project:

The estimated total cost is £42,000 with about 50% of funds already received from a single donor. The Trust document is being finalised and trustees being considered. Our goal is for SLIA to facilitate the sign-off and commencement of building works in 2018 insh'Allah, incorporating clear governance and monitoring processes.

Muslim Aid Syria Project:



Most of the £20,000 pledge made to help the innocent victims in the war in Syria has been paid to Muslim Aid. However, Muslim Aid informed us that they lack the systems to account for how our specific donation was applied in the Syrian hospital and so in future we plan to work with smaller charities where there is clearer accountability.

The Inscribe Hope Writing and Art Project raised £400 in entry fees. A big thank you to the 20 entrants for their efforts and to our judge, Sister Tasneem Nazeer, a British journalist, author and UN Universal Peace Federation Ambassador for Peace, who has written for Al Jazeera, The Huffington Post, CNN, BBC, Middle East Eye and others. Despite her busy schedule, Sister Tasneem thoroughly enjoyed experiencing the "creative potential" and "engaging style" of our 20 entrants, and provided us with notes for transparency to explain her choice of commended entries. If you would like to purchase a print copy of a magazine compilation of all the entries, please contact Shahra (shahra77@hotmail.com) or Manjula (manjula@ossman.co.uk).

Inscribe Hope 2017 Results

	4-7 years	8-11 yrs	12-15 yrs	16+ yrs
1st	Ihsaan Khalid Saleem: <i>Thank You Allah</i>	Eliza Tahir: <i>Escape from Known to</i>	Yusuf Saleem: <i>The Fire</i>	Sabrina Ossman: <i>Damascus Mural - A Guinness World Record</i>
2nd	Sabr Cassim: <i>Art</i>	Sabiha Ibrahim: <i>Hope Art Work</i>	Alisha Ossman: <i>Light in the Dark</i>	V Paramanathan: <i>Humanitarian Support for Syrian Children</i>
3rd		Zayd Saleem: <i>Story (no title)</i>	Afrah Mohideen: <i>Our Blessing's Wish</i>	Sara Ossman: <i>Story (no title)</i>

Communications Sub-committee Report

Alhamdulillah, I am pleased to report that over the last few months we have been in the process of analysing the functionality of our website: slia.org.uk, due to SLIA undertaking more events i.e. religious functions, Islamic talks, sports meets and charity events. This increase in events requires increased promotion and administration, which is where the redeveloped slia.org.uk can help.

A redesigned website with a fresh new look will help attract the younger membership and also ensure that existing members are able to get more detailed information about forthcoming events as well as be able to contact SLIA to register their interest and attendance at the events.

This has led us to develop three options in regards to redeveloping slia.org.uk:

Option 1 – Rebuild the current website

Option 2 – A new built website with a custom design

Option 3 – Use a premade template website

Option 1: On liaising with the vendors they advised that a developer would need to spend much time and effort with resultant higher costs for the 3 stages required for implementation: firstly, analyse the code that is currently in place; secondly, to implement the changes within the code and finally for the testing to take place to ensure the current and new changes work smoothly. Based on the above we have decided that Option 1 shall be disregarded and shall not be pursued further.

Option 2: This is to build a new website from scratch with a custom design and we received three quotations from possible vendors:

1. Raw Media Group, they were responsible for the initial development of slia.org.uk and quoted £4,617 for this tender.
2. 121 Web Design, chosen due to them having a high ranking on website design reviews and their quote was £3,999.
3. Total Creation, a design company also selected due to them having a high ranking on website design reviews and their quote was in the region of £2,000.

Due to the high costs and, speaking to many people in the website design field it was felt that the above quotes for the work of a custom built website was too high. Also, with the knowledge that high-quality websites can be built with the use of a premade template at a fraction of the cost we decided that Option 2 shall be disregarded and shall not be pursued further.

Option 3: This is to use a premade template; current research shows around £50 for template and then for customisation with a further 6 pages for approximately £300 or for 10 pages at £500.

Option 3 is a viable proposal with substantial cost savings to the SLIA and is therefore **recommended as the preferred option**. We are now in the design phase selecting suitable templates and designing the website navigation infrastructure and deciding on the type of 'content' that shall be held within the website.

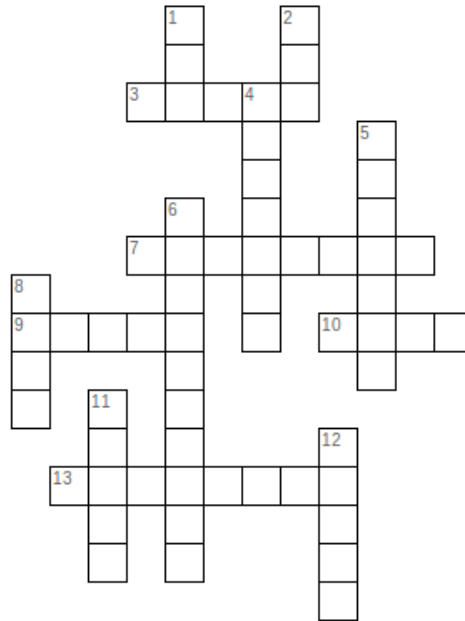
Inshaa Allah, a proposal with the final design is to be presented to the SLIA Executive Committee for decision at the next meeting.

Khalid Malhar, Chair Communications Sub-committee

Crossword Puzzle

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Islamic General Knowledge



Across

- 3 The Flight and the Measurement of Time
- 7 Highest heaven
- 9 Arabic of "that which purifies"
- 10 Primal Origin of Shaitan
- 13 No of sajada ayahs in quran

Down

- 1 Youngest person to revert back to islam
- 2 A Prophet born without a father
- 4 The month to gain Taqwa
- 5 Purpose of creation – Surah 51
- 6 Length of the prophets life
- 8 Father of Ibrahim (as)
- 11 What did Ibrahim's father sell for a living
- 12 Allahs revelation to the Christians (Arabic)

Answers to Crossword Puzzle on Page 11

SLIA Eid-ul-Adha Annual Dinner

Alhamdulillah the SLIA celebrated our 45th anniversary through the annual Eid-ul-Adha event with a Moroccan themed evening. All the male guests were gifted with the traditional red Moroccan 'Fez' cap and the room looked resplendent with the sea of fez caps adding colour and vibrancy. Guests were entertained by live Nasheed music from a Moroccan group and the delicious Lebanese meal was catered by Mia restaurant. The lively evening was enhanced by a magic show for children and the rare treat of 'at table magic by an international magician' for the adults. A wonderful time was had by all and SLIA ExCo acknowledged Marriott Hospitality Manager, Rilwan Fared for his vision and the fulfilment of this special occasion.

A newspaper supplement in News Lanka was published to coincide with the event which covered 45 Years of SLIA. Thanks to Sister Ishreen who with assistance from Brother Azahim and Brother A.Wahab produced this. A professional photographer was hired to capture the event. Positive comments received from the many who attended was appreciated.



SLIA Meelad-un-Nabi to celebrate our beloved Prophet Muhammed Salaalahu Alaihi Wa Sallam's birthday

Alhamdulillah our community grows in strength. SLIA's annual Meelad-un-Nabi took place on Sunday 26th November 2017 at The Harrow Central Mosque.

We were very sad to hear of the passing on of long time member Sister Zabila Mohideen who's Janaza took place at the very same time. Innah lillahi wa Innah Illaihi Rajioon.

It is a testament to the growth and unity of our community that both the Janaza and the Meelad were very well represented by our community so that the majority of our elders could support the family of our dear sister while our younger leaders conducted the Meelad.

Masha Allah a very moving and spiritual Meelad was followed by a sumptuous meal for over 120 people.

We hope you enjoy the photos.



To receive an online version of the Serendib Newsletter, please e-mail: membership@slia.org.uk
This will assist us in our endeavour to cut costs and provide valuable contributions towards protecting our environment.

SLIA Community News

Births

Alhamdulillah we would like to congratulate the parents and their families on their new arrivals:

9th August 2017: Shahrana and Dr Hisham Nizar (Cheam, Surrey) on the birth of their daughter **Sofia Mariam** and brother to Shaheem.

Grandparents: Mr Zaid and Mrs Zareen Mowlana and Dr M and Mrs Zeena Fazli Nizar.

20th October 2017: Fathima Nisreen Hamza and Muhammed Shameem Siddique (Reading, Berkshire) on the birth of their daughter **Fathima Haadiya**

Grandparents: Mohomed Bahudeen and Fathima Harisa Siddique and Mohomed Yusuf and Fathima Reza Hamza.

31st October 2017: Shazna and Azeem Azeem (Grimsby) on the birth of their son **Areeb Anver Noor** and brother to Yaminah.

Grandparents: Fahmy and Lizana Mahuroof and Dr A R M and Mrs Azeem.

27th November 2017: Fahimah and Dr Shamil Mubarak on the birth of their son **Zayyan**.

Grandparents: Azahim and Minna Mohamed and (late) Dr Mubarak and Zimarah Mubarak.

7th January 2018: Parveen and Nabeel Vilcassim (Mill Hill) on the birth of their baby daughter **Maryam Masouda** Vilcassim.

28th January 2018: Farzana and Azhar Salahudeen (Harrow, Middlesex) on the birth of their baby daughter **Fathima Hana Azhar**

May Almighty Allah make the children a blessing to their parents and a blessing for the Ummah of Prophet Muhammad (SAS)

Answers to Crossword Puzzle on page 8

ACROSS	DOWN
3. Hijra	1. Ali
7. Firdous	2. Isa
9. Zakat	4. Ramadan
10. Fire	5. Worship
13. Fourteen	6. Sixty three
	8. Azar
	11. Idols
	12. Injil

SLIA Community News

Obituaries

25th November 2017: Sister Zabila Mohideen passed away. Wife of Sheike Mohideen and mother of Ahmed Inhaam and Mohamed Iqbal.

Janaza took place on the 26th November 2017 at Palmers Green Mosque and burial at Gardens of Peace, Ilford, Essex.

2nd December 2017: Fathima Qureisha Ruhize Thassim (nee Macan Markar), Sri Lanka: Wife of late Nismi Thassim, beloved daughter of the late Ahmad Hussain and Sithy Katheeja Macan Markar, loving sister of Noor Neima Naina Marikar and Fatima Zohara Farook Saleem, sister in law of Alavi Naina Marikar, Mohamed Saleem Mohamed Farook, Mrs Riasa Nazim and the late Ahmed Thassim, granddaughter of the late Sir Mohamed and Noor Naima Macan Markar and the late Samsudeen and Fathuma Macan Markar.

Residence 'Villa Stamboul, No. 07, Stamboul Place, Colombo 3.

21st December 2017: Mohamed Ramza Abdul Hameed (Sri Lanka): Beloved husband of Marhooma Shamriya, father of Shaheer (Damam), Ishara (Qatar) and Rizama. Father in law of Zulaifa (Damam) Saif (Qatar) and Haziq. Brother of Marhoom Mashood, Zaeem and Rizniha (UK). Brother in law of Marhooma Fariha, Nadiya, Arooze (UK) and Fazlani. Uncle of Shihama and Muhammad (UK).

Funeral took place on Friday, 22nd December at Dehiwela Muslim Burial Ground. 46/3 Collingwood Place Colombo 6

31st December 2017, Late Tuan Arifeen Booso (Chota), Sri Lanka: Husband of Ruheen; father of Asmonti and Aqiel (Dubai); brother of Binthan Musafer and Tuan Booso and brother in law of Late Feisal Musafer (Snr).

Janaaza took place on the 1st of January 2018 at 4 pm in Ja Ela.

5th February 2018: Brother Abdul Raheem Mohamed Salahudeen (Harrow, Middlesex). He was the son of late Sithi Naima and Abdul Rahman Abdul Rahim; son in law of late Mr and Mrs TMA Hassen; loving husband of Khairun Nissa Hassen; brother of Nissa Mushin, late Habib Rahman Rahim, Farouk Rahim, late Lafir Rahim and Zarina Rahim; brother In Law of Mazina Sulaiman, late Zarina Packir Saibo, late Nasima Farouk, Yousuf Hassen and late Zaffer Hassen; father of Azhar and Fazna Salahudeen; grandfather of Waseem, Mariam, Sarah, Sameer, Salma, Safia, Adam and baby Fathima Hana.

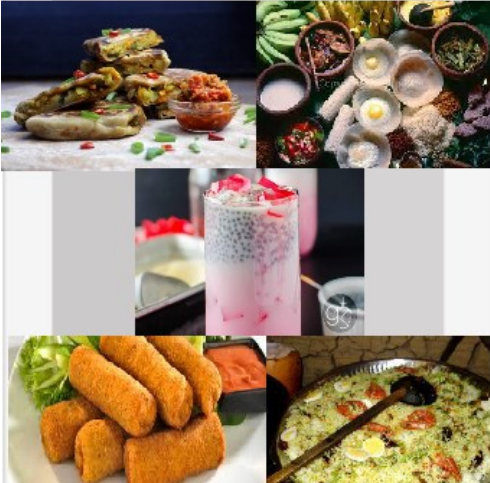
Janaza prayers was held on Tuesday, 6th Feb 2018 at Harrow Central Mosque, Station Road, Harrow with burial at Carpenders Park Lawn Cemetery Oxhey Lane, Watford

SLIA FAMILY EVENT TASTE OF LANKA 2018

Venue: Father O'Callaghan Centre,
26 Hay Lane, London NW9 0NG
Date: 11th March 2018
Time: 12pm – 8pm

*If you would like to be part of the event team
please contact:*

*Sadat Sadiq on 07967 658516 or
Azhar Salahudeen on 07814 753999*



SLIA Membership Subscriptions 2018

Please can all members pay the 2018 subscriptions which was **due on 1st January 2018**. In addition to paying any previous outstanding subscriptions could you also ensure we have your current contact details. If not already in place, please also consider paying your subscriptions by standing order.

Should you wish to action any of the above, contact one of the following:

Fazly Wahab fazlywahab@hotmail.co.uk
Khalid Malhar emperor_mal@hotmail.com

If you are aware of new members who wish to join the SLIA please request them to contact any member of the Committee for Membership Application and Standing Order mandate.

Bank Account Lloyds, Walthamstow
Sort Code 30-99-08
Account No. 01663411

Membership Type	Price
Life Membership (Single)	£250
Family Membership (Husband, wife & children under 18)	£30
Family Membership (Husband & wife over 60)	£15
Individual Membership	£15
Individual Membership (Over 60)	£7.50
Student Membership	£4



SLIA Dhikr
25th March 2018
12pm onwards
Harrow Mosque

SLIA ExCo looks forward to welcoming you at our annual Dhikr on Sunday 25th March inshallah.

Please join us for prayers that will warm our hearts and celebrate our love for Allah (swt) and a delicious home cooked lunch.

We would appreciate if you can let us know by 15th March whether you will be joining us so that we make sure we have enough food for everyone - and also whether you would like to contribute by making one of the dishes on our menu – kalamandu shoru.

Please contact:
Rafat (07984 604420)
Ishreen (07734 209809)

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