

தமிழ்த் தென்றல் செய்திமடல்

கேம்பிரிட்ஜ் தமிழ்ச் சங்கம்
Cambridge Tamil Sangam (CTS)



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Warm greetings to the readers. With immense pleasure Cambridge Tamil Sangam (CTS) is pleased to announce in the second of its newsletter, the new quarterly release of Thamizhthendral (தமிழ்த் தென்றல் செய்திமடல்).

These periodicals will keep its readers informed of the events, activities of CTS and provide with highlights and any latest updates. Each newsletter will have a bulletin for the CTS members to display their uncommercial involvements or activities contributing to keep up the harmony of Tamil society

and also an additional opportunity to showcase the talent of their children in the 'Ilamthamizhargal' in Kids corner.

We solemnly bank on the support from the members of CTS to take this humble step continual and successful.

"Thamizhvalarpom, Valamperuvom"
CTS Tamil Sangam

Deepavali Celebration 2022

Sangam proudly celebrates Deepavali with the Tamil community for the last 7 years. With fine support from the members of CTS, like every year, Diwali celebrations for 2022 was spectacular! The event was held on 22nd October 2022 at the Impington Village Hall. The festive started with well-organized lunch with live counters and luscious desserts followed by the cultural events and disco. There were more than 300 attendees including the performers and these numbers keep up and up every year! The volunteers in the decoration, registration and food committee were phenomenal and so the most expected cultural event commenced well in time with lightening of 'kuthuvilakku'. The show began with prayer song in sweet voices of 'little mooshikas' which pleased the ears of audience and set the right tone for the fun-filled family entertainment.



A Glimpse of food, fun and fair...



The volunteers & performers



The entertainment programs were majestic and much enjoyed by the audience. The programs included dancing, fancy dress, skit, singing and couple dance – performed by participants of wide age groups from toddlers to Adolescents and adults. The enthusiasm and energy had set the atmosphere with joy and it was indeed an extraordinary Diwali celebration. The volunteers in technical team, entertainment teams, photography, audiovisuals and all rounders are the stars of the event and CTS is grateful to each and every one of their voluntary contributions.

The Journey Of Cambridge Tamil School

Learning Tamil as a second language while living in UK is challenging. Several years ago, a team of CTS members – Geetha, Arun & Karthik were exploring the avenues to develop a structured syllabus which will benefit plenty of Tamil families in Cambridge by giving a chance to introduce Tamil to kids, including theirs. The team stumbled upon Milton Keynes Tamil School that uses the syllabus framed by California Tamil Academy and that has set the journey of Cambridge Tamil School in September 2014.

The school runs for 8 years now with gradual and steady number of new intakes. The school is run by voluntary teachers who are members of CTS and are proficient in Tamil. The subjects are taught at different levels according to the age and educational level of the students. The school has started with 14 students and 5 teachers has now grown to 52 students, 16 teachers and 2 office staff.

“If you want a child to learn Tamil in England, not only the children but also their parents should have interest and time” says the man behind the school Mr. Karthik Rajagopalan, Headmaster – Tamil school. He adds, the commitment from both, the parents to bring the kids from far away on a Sunday afternoon and the kids who learn another whole-new language amidst their busy extracurricular activities/classes is just astonishing which drive teachers and the organization with a pleasure to serve our community.

The school intakes from 5 years & above starting from KG class up to – year 9. The classes are conducted at the Coleridge community college, every Sunday between 3:15pm – 4:30pm. The registration for next academic year starts from April 2023.

For further details on enrollment, curriculum or to volunteer to work for Tamil school, kindly reach Karthik & team via camtsuk@gmail.com with subject 'Tamil School'.



The picture shows the Tamil teachers who provide invaluable support to the school in the top panel. The bottom panel shows school students gathered for attendance followed by assembly and a batch of students supervised during their mid-term examinations (Left to right).

CTS Members Column

We are a group of Tamil cycling friends riding on Saturday/Sunday.

We do a newbie roundtrip ride from Robinhood Pub (Cherry Hinton) to Station House (Histon) covering 15 miles each Saturday under the guidance of seasoned cycling coach Karthikeyan Kumaran (KK). The group focusses on fun filled safe endurance cycling with DIY bike maintenance. The activity has spread the bliss of cycling amongst friends and they are eager to expand the circle.

If you are enthusiastic, you could also join our intermediate 40mile rides to St Ives preceded by cycling enthusiast Karthik Rajagopalan.

So, join us to explore cycling as a hobby/workout and for some great bike maintenance tips. What is more fun than 'me(n)' time with buddies spending few hours of weekend on Bike?!



Interested in cycling as a hobby or fitness? Want to join a Peloton? Contact Mr. Sathishkumar Jayaraj @07417479995

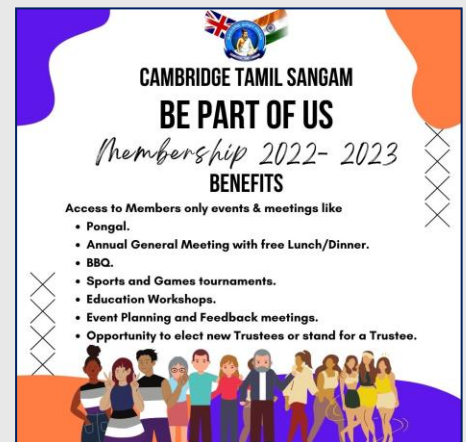
CTS NOTICE BOARD



Mark the date for Tamil Pongal festival 2023 celebrations - Saturday the 14th January 2023. Entry for members Only.



CTS Chess competition is planned to run as open event on Saturday the 18th Feb 2023. Contact CTS for further details.



For membership contact: camtsuk@gmail.com
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 For events, sports and games contact: events.camtsuk@gmail.com

For contents in members column and Kids column for upcoming newsletters, kindly contact the Editor, Anitha Sathishkumar with subject 'Newsletter' @ camtsuk@gmail.com

Kids Corner

This section intends to bring to the younger generation with some simple yet remarkable insights on the Tamil language and culture and provide bite sized content from ancient literature that is written to guide the moral, values and way of living. Also, from the next quarterly, watch this space for 'Ilamthamizhargal' column with the display of their creative works/writing.

Thirukkural

பால்: பொருட்பால்:

அதிகாரம்/CHAPTER: இறைமாட்சி / The Greatness of a King

குறள் 382:

**“அஞ்சாமை ஈகை அறிவுக்கம் இந்நான்கும்
எஞ்சாமை வேந்தர்க் கியல்பு.”**

மு. வரதராசன் விளக்கம்:

அஞ்சாமை, ஈகை, அறிவுடைமை, ஊக்கமுடைமை இந்த நான்கு
பண்புகளும் குறைவு படாமல் இருத்தலே அரசனுக்கு இயல்பாகும்.

Couplet Explanation:

***Never to fail in these four things, fearlessness, liberality,
wisdom, and energy, is the kingly character.***

Thamizh Thatha

Dr. Uttamadhanapuram Venkatasubbaiyer Swaminatha Iyer (U. V. Iyer) born in 1855 at Thanjavur district, Tamil Nadu. He studied Tamil literature and grammar as a devoted student from Tamil scholar and teacher Mahavidvan Meenakshi Sundaram Pillai who published the origin and history of 90 temples in Tamil Nadu.

Dr Iyer is respectfully known as 'Tamil thatha' as an acknowledgment of his efforts in searching ancient Tamil literary works and publishing them. He has travelled from place to place in search of palm leaf manuscripts to edit and publish them. More than 100 books including tamil classics, poems, devotional books published during his lifetime of which prominent in Tamil literature are the 'Seevaga Sinthamani', 'Pattupattu', 'Silapathigaram' and 'Manimegalai' from sangam period.

He was a teacher, researcher and served as principle of Meenakshi Tamil College in Annamalai University, Chidambaram. Later due to his interest in research he moved to Madras to continue his work on Tamil literature. He was honored with the Mahamahopathiya award – Greatest of Greatest Teachers, the Dakshinathya Kalanidhi award and also an Honorary PhD from Madras University.

CTS Cricket Club

Cambridge Tamil Sangam has gone an extra mile this year by forming CTS cricket committee and organized friendly outdoor cricket and conducted CTS indoor cricket competition in the autumn 2022. The competition has given an opportunity to sports enthusiast in and around Cambridge to showcase their skills and participate in active sports even in autumn.

The Idea of forming a CTS cricket club started as a casual conversation by the trustees with few members of the CTS during the Summer BBQ-22. This idea was then catalyzed primarily by the John Xavier and Krishnakumar Vijayakumar. A friendly cricket game was played outdoor in the beginning of Autumn which led to formation of the cricket club committee and the first indoor cricket tournament was conducted at the Waterbeach Barracks on 6th November 2022.

The committee members are as follows: The president is Kumar Nagadev, Vice president is Karthik Rajagopalan., Treasurer is Mohanraj Karuppanan, secretary is Elangkumaran Chandrasekaran, safeguarding officer is Karthikeyan Kumaran and PRO is Kesavaraj Sengottaiyan.

Trumpington Tigers	Bottisham Bulls	CH Cheetahs	Regent Rhinos	Milton Mongoose	Duxford Dolphins
Nagdev ©	Karthic ©	Mohan Kandhasamy ©	Krishna ©	Naga ©	Jeeva ©
Bala	Senthilkumar	Sachin Nagadev	Senthil Vijay	Karthikeyan Kumaran	Gokul
Manoj	Prasad	Raam	John	Vinoth	Palani
Thiraviyam	Krishna Nagdev	Shyam	Niketh	Ritvik Mohan	Prasad
Aravind	Kumaran	Rhithvik Krishna	Vignesh	Pradeep	Mukhil
Sanketh	Shankar	Kamal	Sanjeev	Theeran	Rajesh

The above team members from teams participated enthusiastically in the tournament. The winner was Duxford Dolphins team and runner up was Milton Mongoose. The player of the tournament was presented to Gokul Raj Sivakumar.



The pictures of presentation of trophy to winner of CTS indoor tournament & to the player of the tournament (Left to right).

The CTS team has planned to register with the CCA to take part in the midweek/Sunday league games and also has plans to conduct another tournament for winter. Please contact events.camtsuk@gmail.com for further enquiries with subject 'Cricket'.

CTS Sports tournament

CTS has expanded its sports wing and conducted the Badminton Tournament between 19th & 20th, November 2022 at Waterbeach Barracks and Cherry Hinton Leisure Centre respectively with 62 players taking part in about total of 120 matches. The competition was conducted under various categories such as Men's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles and Teens Doubles. Great sportsmanship and competitive spirit were seen among the participants and the hours of practice prior to the competition invested by the players is commendable.



Teen Doubles

Winner: Shuttle Rockerzz.

Players: Rithvik & Mukhil



Mixed Doubles

Winner: Dazzlers

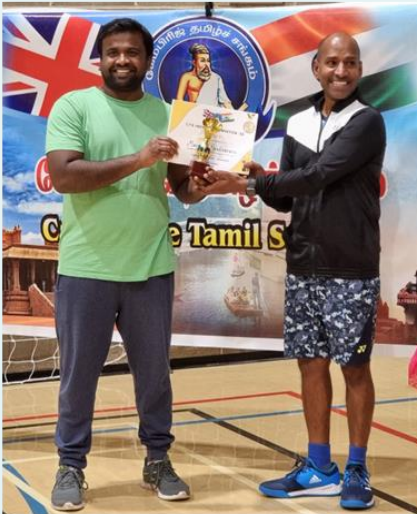
Players: Nataraj & Misbah



Mens Doubles

Winner: fast n furious

Players: Jeeva & Palanikumar



Mens singles

Winner: Manogar Sundarirasu

Tournament	1st Runners	2nd Runners
Teen Doubles	Twin turbo Sivabogam/Yatjat	Teen 1 Sachin/Adithya
Mixed Doubles	Saffron Jodigal Prasad/Alagurevathy	Double Trouble Nagadev/Archana
Men's Doubles	Smashers Gokul/Jitendra	Cambridge Cholans Aravind/Harsha
Men's Singles	Jeeva Subramaniam	Sachin Nagadev
Women's Doubles	ATTA girls Archana/Tamilsele	PPP Uma K/Anitha K



Womens doubles

Winner: Bhuvana & Alagurevathy

Cambridge Tamil Sangam would like to thank all the volunteers who helped to shape the tournaments/competition for their invaluable efforts and congratulate all the winners, runners and participants. It is their dedication and enthusiasm for sports which has led to the success of CTS sports initiative and made them a sought-after club in a breath.