

# Baba's Barnet Chronicle



## What we got up to in the last few months:

Diwali Celebrations  
Christmas Fair  
Noah's Ark Charity  
Auction  
Christmas Neighbourhood  
Project  
Book Club Meetings  
Food Bank Collections

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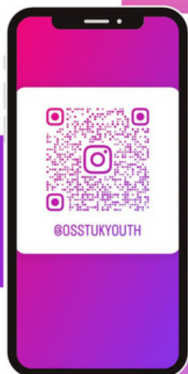


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Thursday, 11th January 2024

## Goodbye 2023, Hello 2024!



### Greetings, Beloved Community Members!

As we step into the dawn of 2024, we would like to wish you a Happy New Year and it brings us immense joy to present to you the second issue of Baba's Barnet Chronicle. We invite you on a heartfelt exploration of the selfless initiatives that have shaped the spirit of our community throughout 2023.

The past few months have been a testament to the unwavering dedication of community volunteers and neighbours in Barnet. Together, we've woven threads of compassion, service and solidarity, creating a tapestry of positivity that extends far beyond our immediate neighbourhood.

Within the next few pages, you will find stories of hope and the profound impact of our collective efforts. Each story fosters a sense of togetherness and mirrors the core principles of our Guru's teachings and the vibrancy of our community.

Join us as we celebrate the milestones achieved, express gratitude for the support received, and renew our commitment to serving with compassion and love.



Your support, whether through time, resources, or simply spreading the message of goodwill, has been the driving force behind our successes.

As we delve into the heartwarming stories of the last few months and year, let us carry the spirit of unity forward into the new year. Together, let's continue to make a positive impact.

Thank you for being an integral part of our journey. May the following pages inspire and uplift your spirits as we embark on another chapter of service and community building.

### Free Yoga Classes



Rejuvenate your senses and relax your mind at our free yoga classes at our community centre *every Saturday starting from the 20th of January from 8am - 9am*. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat to experience an hour of serenity.





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## OSST YW's Christmas Fair

This year on Sunday, 10th of December, OSST Youth Wing held our very first Christmas fair at our community centre. The centre was transformed into a festive wonderland adorned with an assortment of decorations and lights. The hall was decked with variety of stalls enticing our local neighbours in for a day of seasonal fun. Visitors often began by showcasing their creativity and imagination when decorating gingerbread and Christmas ornaments at our arts and crafts stall. Their next stop was at our fun fair game stall where they had tremendous fun whilst bringing out their competitive side playing coconut shy and bean bag toss. Followed by trying their luck at first guessing the number of sweets in the jar and the popular lucky dip game for a chance to win one of the fantastic prizes on display. In between our guests would take some time to relax and enjoy helping to complete a 1000 piece winter puzzle. Throughout the afternoon a huge spread of delicacies were on offer including a delectable cheese board, warm pastries and baked goods alongside an endless supply of hot chocolate. The highlight of the day, however was Santa's entry bringing immense joy to our littlest visitors who were excited to share their Christmas wishlist and capture very special moment at Santa's grotto. All in all, it was truly a magical day allowing us to welcome in and bond with our neighbours and spread the festive cheer and spirit.







## Charity Auction for Noah's Ark Children Hospice

Our hearts resonated with the spirit of giving and spreading joy to those in need this Christmas. We are delighted to share the story of a heartwarming initiative during the festive season - a charity auction committed to supporting our friends at Noah's Ark Children's Hospice. With an initial fundraising target of £500, our community has come together to make a meaningful impact on the lives of children facing life-limiting illnesses.

### The Gift of Giving and the Power of Community

What makes this charity auction truly special is the sense of community that envelops it. As bids pour in and stories of generosity unfold, our collective spirit has the potential to brighten the lives of those facing immense challenges. Noah's Ark Children's Hospice has been a beacon of hope, providing care and support to families navigating difficult journeys and this auction symbolises our commitment to stand with them.

### Call to Action

In the spirit of Christmas, let us continue to embrace the joy of giving and stand in solidarity with Noah's Ark Children's Hospice. Every contribution, no matter the size, brings us one step closer to making a lasting impact on the lives of these brave children and their families. May 2024 be a beacon of hope, love and compassion for all.

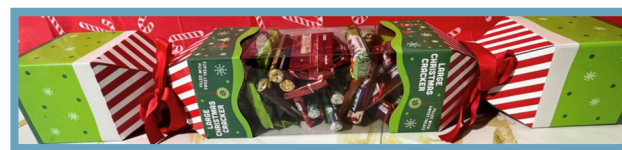
The **auction is open until the 26th of January, 6pm** and the opportunity to make a difference persists. Join us in this festive endeavor by participating, spreading the word or making a direct donation. Together, we can surpass our goal.

*Get in touch for further details or to bid by emailing [youth@osst.org.uk](mailto:youth@osst.org.uk) or contacting us on +447535709613*



### DIY Carousel

Bid on this whimsical carousel for a crafting adventure



### Jumbo Chocolate Christmas Cracker

Treat your tastebuds with your chance of winning this jumbo cracker filled with all your favourite chocolate



### Afternoon Tea for Two

Spend a luxury evening for two at a 5\* London hotel with a delightful afternoon tea



### Spa Hamper

Try your luck in winning this luxurious spa hamper with all the essentials for a day of zen



### Fever Gift Card

Bid to unlock a range of versatile experiences from live musical performances to immersive experiences



### Photoshoot

Create lasting memories by placing a bid on a professional family photoshoot for up to 5 people

## Christmas Neighbourhood Project

Following our annual tradition, this year on Christmas Eve Santa's elves disguised as youth members visited many of the surrounding neighbours to merrily share seasonal greetings and gift some sweet treats during this season of giving.





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## Upcoming Events:

**World Book Day Event**

**Easter Egg Hunt**

**Food Bank Drive**

**Walkie Talkie Tower Climb**

**International Fundraiser**

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## Celebrating Light



Diwali, widely known as the Festival of Lights, is celebrated across religions around the world. We also joined in the celebrations this year at Sharavana Baba Community Centre in November with a beautiful lamp display. The origins of the festival go back to 2500 years and with roots in numerous legends, all where ultimately despite the endless hurdles good triumphs over evil.

The celebration marks the spiritual supremacy of knowledge over ignorance, and signifies a new dawn where dark thoughts, shadows and evil are eradicated and light prevails, giving us the zeal to carry on with our goodwill for the year.

## Looking Back on 2023

2023 was a year OSST UK Youth Wing grew from strength to strength. It was a jam packed exciting year with a new activity taking place every month, alongside the grand opening of our new community centre. From fundraising for humanitarian causes, taking part in national charity walks for terminally ill-children, hosting diverse seasonal events at our own centre, to making lasting connections with local charities and neighbours, we are proud of the positive impact we have created throughout the year of 2023.



## Our Vision for 2024

As we reflect on our past achievements, we are full of energy and enthusiasm for the year ahead. Our vision and goal for 2024 is growth. We are eager to seek new experiences as a youth wing and to continue our charitable endeavours near and far, as we pursue our ongoing mission to serve humanity, whilst fuelling our spiritual growth. Our aim is to also grow our presence and network in the local community. We would love to support causes close to your heart and tend to community needs. If you have any ideas and thoughts of how you would like us to get involved, please reach out!

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**Find Your Word for 2024!**

