



FNC/09C

08 Aug 2025

Minutes of the FNC First Quarterly and Trustee Board Meeting Held at Folkestone Nepalese Community (FNC) Centre on Sunday, 22 June 2025

Member Present & Apologies for Absence - see attached **Annex A**.

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1.	<u>Opening Remarks:</u> The meeting began at 16:50 on Sunday, 22 June 2025 at the FNC Centre, chaired by Capt (Rtd) Rambahadur Pun. He opened the 9th Executive Committee's 1st Quarterly/Trustee Board Meeting for 2025–2026, welcomed attendees, and authorised the General Secretary to present the agenda.	All
2.	<u>Committee Members' Reports:</u> I. General Secretary Report: a. Previous Meeting and Reference Documents: The last official meeting was the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 30 March 2025. The AGM Minutes were published on 3 May 2025, which includes the comprehensive FNC Annual Report for the period 2024–2025. b. FNC Chairman or Rep attended Activities from 30 Mar 2025: The Chairman regularly updates the events he attends on behalf of the FNC. Below is a summary of the activities and events attended: 12 Apr 2025 - FNC Annual Nepalese New Year 2082 Celebration at Hawkinge Community Centre 27 Apr 2025 - FNC Post Meeting for FNC Nepalese New Year Event (Summary of Income are: Income was £4682.00 and Expenditure was £4523.00 and surplus was £35.00 02 May 2025 – FNC Chair asked Vice Chair Capt (Retd) Suman Rai, General Secretary, Food & Beverages Secretary Chandra Shai, Advisor Maj Deb Pun and other members to attend Boat Trip for the Mayor's Charities - General Secretary / Centre Manger on Annual Leave 05 May – 25 May 2025 (Nepal) 08 May 2025 – Chairman along with FNC Members attended 80th Anniversary of VE Day Garden Party organised by RBL Cheriton & Morehall at All Souls Church 10 May 2025 – Trustee Jhapindra Thapa, ECM Chandra Shai, and other members participated in the Charity Walk organized by GMF at Folkestone. 13 May 2025 – The Folkestone Town Council Annual Assembly took place, attended by the Chairman and Trustees. Outgoing Town Mayor, Councillor Abena Akuffo Kelly, announced that she had raised £2,498.38 to donate to FNC during her tenure. She expressed her gratitude to FNC with a gift of champagne and a bouquet of flowers, acknowledging the support received throughout her term. In appreciation, the Chairman presented the FNC Plaque as a token of thanks. Additionally, the FNC Chair welcomed the newly appointed Town Mayor.	All



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	VI. Ladies Coordinator: Indu Rai, FNC Ladies Coordinator, stated that the FNC Ladies Annual Teej Celebration is scheduled for 23 August 2025 at the Ballroom of Grand Bustin Hotel. Administrative details will be published after the FNC Ladies Coordination Team meets, and further information can be found in Annex C. VII. No additional reports were provided by the Committee members and Trustees.	Ladies Committee / All
3.	<u>FNC Centre Lease Renewal</u> Capt (Retd) Rambahadur Pun, Chairman, convened the meeting to discuss the renewal of the FNC Centre lease for an additional five-year term, as the current lease will expire on 30 June 2026. The Trustees, Committee Members, and General Members all agreed to renew the lease and requested the Chairman to proceed with the renewal process for the FNC Centre's lease with Kent County Council for an additional five-year term. Accordingly, an application for lease renewal for an additional five-year term was submitted to KCC on 23 June 2025.	Chairman / Gen Sec
4.	<u>KCC Chair formal visit to the FNC Centre:</u> The General Secretary reported that the newly elected Chair of Kent County (KCC) is scheduled to make a formal visit to the Centre and FNC Members on 11 July 2025. The Chairman highlighted the significance of the visit, during which the Chair and Leader of Folkestone Hythe District Council, all stakeholder Councillors, and other Civic Officers participated in the KCC Chair Visit. This occasion also served to demonstrate our strong relationship in support of the Centre's lease renewal. The Chairman released the schedule for the visit closer to the event date, and the visit was regarded as highly successful.	Chairman / Gen Sec / Committee / All
5.	<u>Visit & Presentation of Hear Study:</u> The General Secretary announced that Professor Edger Jones from King's College London will visit the Centre to deliver a presentation on the HEAR Study, which was conducted in collaboration with the FNC. The Chairman highlighted the importance of this study and its findings, noting his own participation and encouraging all FNC members to attend the upcoming talk.	Chairman / Gen Sec / All
6.	<u>World in a Tent Multicultural Festival:</u> FNC has been annually hosting the World in a Tent Multicultural Festival at the FNC Centre in collaboration with the Equator Festival since 2022. This year, the festival will be held on Sunday, 6 July 2025. As part of the event, the Magar Community Tent will be on display, following the tradition of previous years when the Kirat Rai and Limbu cultural tents were featured. The Chairman requested the General Secretary and Cultural Secretary to coordinate FNC's cultural display for	Chairman / Gen Sec / Cultural Sec / All



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	this annual festival. Additionally, this year, the Pun Magar community members travelling from outside Kent will participate in the Festival, and a sum of £150.00 will be awarded to them for representing the FNC at the event. In addition, the meeting was informed that FNC will present a cultural show at the Wavelength Festival in Folkestone Town, organised by 1 Degree East. The Chairman asked the General Secretary to liaise with the Cultural Secretary to arrange two cultural items for the programme. The General Secretary reported that he has invited KYC Folkestone and KRY Folkestone to represent FNC at this event.	
7.	<u>Upcoming Events</u> The meeting was informed of the following upcoming events: a. Annual FNC Dashain Get-Together Celebration Coordination Meeting – To be held on Thursday, 10 July 2025. This year's Celebration Event will take place on Friday, 26 September 2025 at the Leas Cliff Hall. b. Armed Forces Day – Saturday, 28 June 2025. Invitation from the Town Mayor for lunch; the Chairman and General Secretary will attend on behalf of FNC. c. RGR Birthday Celebration – Saturday, 28 June 2025. Invitation from 2RGR; Vice Chairman Capt (Retd) Sumanchandra Rai and Trustee Jhapindra Thapa will attend on behalf of the FNC Chairman. d. Service of Thanksgiving at the Parish Church of St Mary and St Eanswythe, Folkestone – Sunday, 29 June 2025. Invitation from the Town Mayor; FNC will be represented by the Chairman, Trustee Jhapindra Thapa, ECM Chandra Shai, and Advisor Kishor Sapkota.. e. Leas Lift Project Visit to Elham Valley Railway & Hastings Pier – Thursday, 24 July 2025. The visit aims to promote community integration and engagement with the Leas Lift Project, which will be presented at the FNC Centre in due course. f. FNC Pent Farm Festival – Since last year, FNC has been hosting the Pent Farm Festival. This year's event is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, 30 August 2025, with confirmation to be provided in due course by the FNC Community Garden Project Coordinator, Trustee Jhapindra Thapa, and ECM Chandra Shai.	Chairman / Vice Chairman / Gen Sec / All
8.	<u>Revision of Event Forecast (FOE):</u> The Chairman delivered an update regarding the FOE, last revised on 30 April 2025. The most recent meeting update, dated 24 June 2025, is available at https://fncuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/FOE-24-Jun-2025-1.pdf. The General Secretary informed that the upcoming quarterly meeting will be held on Sunday, 14 September 2025, at the FNC Centre.	Chairman / Gen Sec / All



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9.	<u>Another Other Business (AOB):</u> a. Summer BBQ for Senior Citizens Advisor Major (Retd) Deb Pun proposed that the Gurkha Peace Foundation (GPF) organise a summer BBQ for FNC senior citizens who participated in the Gurkha Walk in Ashford. The meeting unanimously agreed that GPF should first liaise with the Chair of FNC regarding this proposal to ensure fairness and avoid any disparity among FNC members. b. No additional items of business were raised for discussion.	Chairman/ Gen Sec / All
8.	Chairman's Concluding Address The Chairman awarded £200.00 each to the KYC Folkestone Cultural Group and the KRY Folkestone Cultural Group in recognition of their valuable support for FNC cultural events and their representation of FNC at various occasions. The meeting applauded the Chairman's decision. With no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked all participants for attending and acknowledged the Food Secretary and team for arranging food and beverages to be served after the meeting. The Chairman and General Secretary continue to keep members informed of FNC's activities through emails and the official Viber groups. The Chairman emphasised, however, the importance of regularly visiting the FNC website for the latest updates on events, projects, and activities, noting that developments occur rapidly due to FNC's extensive outreach as a professional charity organisation. The meeting closed at 19:35 hours.	Chairman / All

Dr Maha Rai
General Secretary
Folkestone Nepalese Community



Capt. (Retd) Rambahadur Pun
Chairman
Folkestone Nepalese Community



- A. List of Members Present/Apologies for Absence.
- B. FNC Senior Citizen London Visit Administration Detail – 15 Jul 2025
- C. FNC Ladies Teej Celebration Administration Detail – 23 Aug 2025

Distribution:

Action:

All Committee Members
Trustees
Advisors
Ladies Committee
Senior Citizens
Youth Committee
All FNC Members



Quarterly & Trustee Board Meeting : Sunday, 22 Jun 25, 4:00 pm at
the FNC Centre

FNC 9TH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Attendance

Ser	Name	Appointment	Signature
1	Capt (Retd) Rambahadur Pun	Chairman (Trustee Chair)	
2	Capt (Retd) Suman Chandra Rai	Vice-Chairman (1)	
3	Mrs Mamata Gurung	Vice-Chairman (2)	
4	Dr Maha Rai	General Secretary	
5	Mr Bikram Rai	Treasurer (Trustee)	
6	Mr Linjga Rai	Secretary	
7	Mr Abesh Rai	Assistant Treasurer	
8	Mr Man Bahadur Rai	Property Secretary	
9	Mr Prithiviraj Rai	Assistant Property Secretary	
10	Mrs Susma Thapa	Cultural Secretary	
11	Mr Ganesh Pun	Assistant Cultural Secretary	
12	Mr Bhaskar Rai	Sports Secretary	
13	Mr Santosh Gurung	Assistant Sports Secretary	
14	Mr Hari Kumar Rai	Media Secretary	
15	Mr Jitbhanu Pun	Assistant Media Secretary	
16	Capt (Retd) Bishnu Bahadur Singh	Senior Citizen Co-ordinator	
17	Mr Nar Tamang	Assistant Senior Citizen Co-ordinator	
18	Mrs Indira Rai	Ladies Co-ordinator	
19	Mrs Dhanu Limbu	Assistant Ladies Co-ordinator	
20	Mr Chandra Bahadur Sahi	Food and Beverages Secretary	
21	Mr Ramesh Rai	Assistant Food and Beverages Secretary	
22	Mr Kueihang Limbu	Youth Co-ordinator	
23	Miss Kanchan Roka Magar	Assistant Youth Co-ordinator	



Board of Trustees

Ser	Name
1.	Mr Chandra Bahadur Gurung
2.	Mr Jhapindra Thapa
3.	Lt (Retd) & Former Cllr Nabin Siwa
4.	Mr Rajen Limbu

Board of Advisors

Ser	Name
1	Maj Deb Bahadur Pun (Volunteer Chief Snr Citizen)
2	Mr Dipak Kaucha
3	Mr Tika Sing Thakuri
4	Mr Harka Prasad Rai
6	Mr Tek Loktam
6	Mr Kishore Sapkota
7	Mr Dhan Gurung
8	Mrs Omkumari Purja Pun
9	Mr Amber Gurung
10	Mrs Mina Rai
11	Mr Hikmatsing Roka

Members

S. N	Name	Signature
1	Laxmi Limbu	
2	Dhanraj Limbu	
3	Phista Bahadur Rai	
4	Nar Bahadur Pun	
5	LIL PANDIT GURUNG	
6	RAM PRASAD GURUNG	
7	Chakrman Rai	
8	Kajman Rai	
9	Sandhaj Rai	
10	Dharma Singh Gurung	



FNC Quarterly & Trustee Board Meeting 22 Jun 2025



Folkestone Nepalese Community (FNC) Senior Citizen Visit to London on Tuesday 15 July 2025

Similar to previous years and forecasted by the FNC, this year a total number of 106 of senior citizens of FNC including guides from the community will be visiting London on Tuesday 15 July 2025. We hope that this visit will improve the mental health and wellbeing of all the participants.

1. Objectives. The aims of the visit are as follows:

- a. Improve mental health and wellbeing.
- b. Educate and introduction to London.
- c. Refresh and entertain individuals.

2. Coordinating Instructions;

- a. Timings;

Thursday 10 July 2025

- 1200 hrs – briefing to all visiting party by Mr Bishnu Singh, Senior Citizen Coordinator.

Tuesday 15 July 2025

- 0730 hrs – all visiting party to arrive at FNC Centre for final check and head count.
 - 0800 hrs – depart.
 - 1030 hrs – arrive to Imperial London Museum.
 - 1030 – 1630 hrs – visit Imperial War Museum and Centre London by small divided groups.
 - 1630 hrs – all visiting party to arrive at given Pick Up Point.
 - 1700 hrs – depart London.
 - 1930 hrs – arrive FNC Centre and visit ends.
- b. Transportation – 2 x 53 Seaters Coaches from the Cross Keys has been booked for the day.
 - c. Cost – the cost for the coaches is £1,790 and there are no further costs for the visit. FNC is kindly contributing £1,000 for the visit and rest of the cost for the transportation will be borne from the visiting party of the day.
 - d. Dress – comfortable and suited to the weather on the day. This includes clothing and shoes.



- e. Visiting route – a route map is attached to Annex A.
- f. Health and Safety;
 - FNC ID Card – all senior citizen participants are to carry FNC ID Card for the visit.
 - Medication – all visiting party to ensure to carry their own personal medication for the day.
 - Mobile Phone – all guides to ensure to carry working and fully charged personal mobile phone with them. They are to ensure that phone battery can last for the whole day.
 - Incident – any incident that occurs on the day should be reported to event coordinator immediately during the visit.
- g. Groups and Guides – the visiting party will be divided in small groups and allocated to the guides. The following personnel will be guiding the allocated groups;
 - Mr Chandra Shahi
 - Miss Sarita Rana
 - Miss Kanchan Roka Magar
 - Mr Bijendra Singh
 - Mr Shubha Shreshtha
 - Miss Romiya Rai
 - Mrs Nisha Limbu
 - Miss Simrik Sunuwar

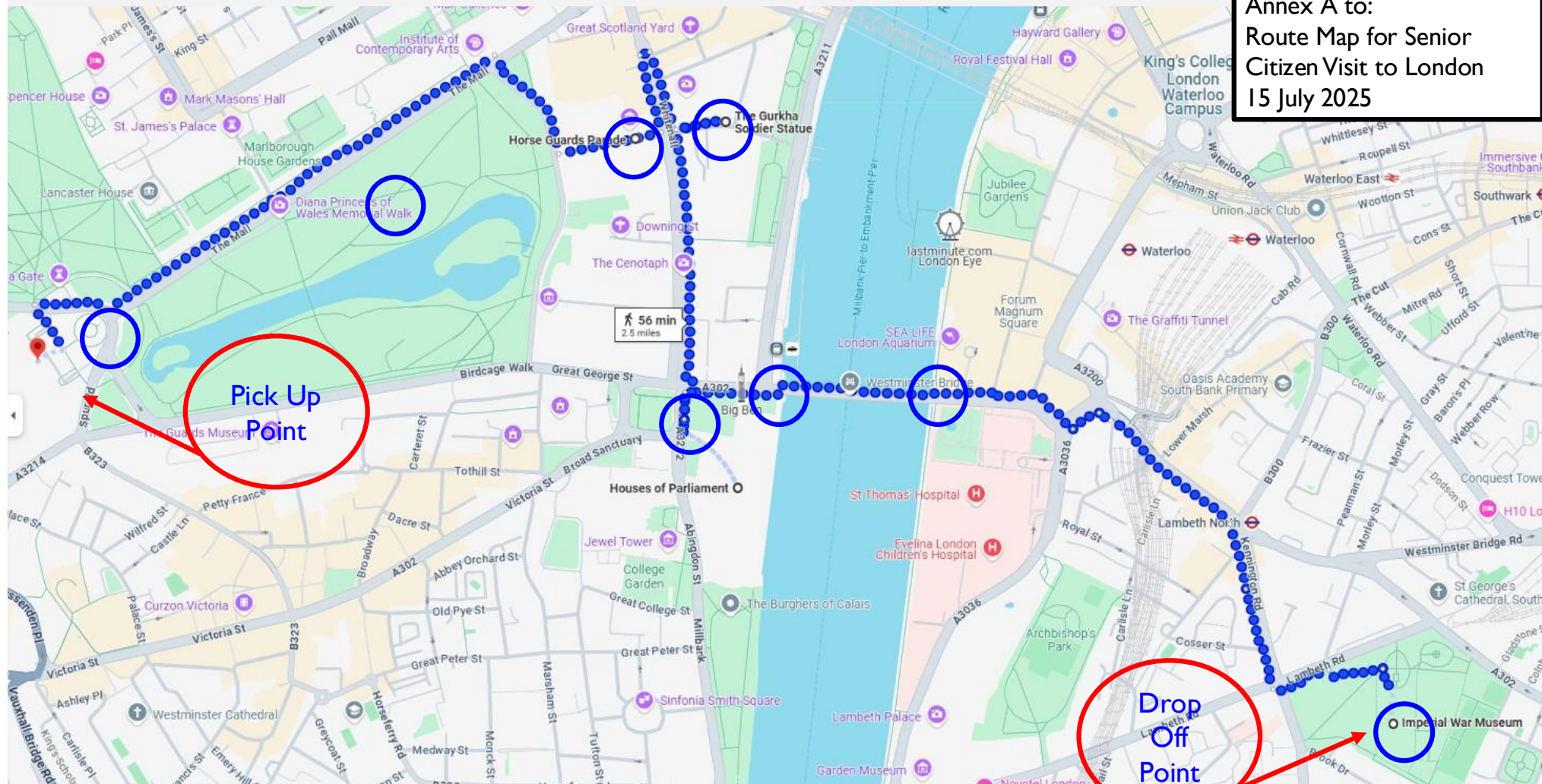
Overall coordination of the event has been done by the Senior Citizen Coordinator, FNC and any queries will be directed to the undersigned.

Bishnu Singh

Bishnu Bahadur Singh
Capt (Retd)
Senior Citizen Coordinator
Folkestone Nepalese Community
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Annex A: Route Map of the Day.

Annex A to:
Route Map for Senior
Citizen Visit to London
15 July 2025





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15 Jul 2025

See Distribution

FNC LADIES TEEJ FESTIVAL CELEBRATION – SATURDAY 23 AUGUST 2025

References:

- A. FNC Forecast of Event 2025/2026.
- B. FNC Ladies Committee meeting of 06 Jul 2025.

GENERAL

1. As discussed at meeting on 06 July 2025, the FNC Ladies Teej celebration will be held on Saturday 23 August 2025 at Grand Burstin Hotel (Ball Room), The Harbour, Marine Parade, Folkestone, CT20 1TX. Please join us to celebrate Teej festival 2025 in a beautiful, specious venue that can cater over 600 people.
2. We chose the new venue to ensure sufficient space for FNC Ladies' concerns. The FNC Chairman and Gen Sec successfully negotiated a discounted rate for the venue for us, making the hire charge lower than usual and helping reduce overall setting up/clearing up work post celebration.
3. The main highlights of the celebration are exciting Raffle Draw with attractive prizes, traditional and modern Teej Music and Nonstop Dancing, delicious Nepali food and community celebration.

AIM

4. The aim of this instruction is to notify FNC Ladies and their family friends, FNC Committee and all members regarding the celebration and briefly outline the details and tasks.

ATTENDANCE

5. All FNC Ladies and their family friends are invited to attend the celebration. FNC Ladies and their family friends are requested to confirm their attendance by adding their names to the FNC Ladies Viber Group and purchasing tickets on time.

FINANCE

6. The event will be financed independently. The Ticket Price is as follows:

Adult (12+)	- £25
Senior Citizen	- £22
Children (6 – 12)	- £12
Children Under 6 Years	- Free

TICKET

7. Tickets are available at Nepali Local shops (Gurkha Hill, Everest Cash & Carry & New Cash & Carry) or alternatively you can buy your tickets from FNC Ladies Coordinator, FNC Ladies Mrs Poonam Pun, Mrs Kalpana Tamang, Mrs Omkumari Pun, Mrs Jyoti Rai, Mrs Julie Thapa, Mrs Dhanu Limbu, Miss Kanchan Roka or FNC Gen Sec. Tickets are limited so you are advised to buy your tickets from them at your earliest opportunity to avoid disappointment.

8. We would like to thank FNC Ladies Mrs Poonam Pun, Mrs Kalpana Tamang, Mrs Omkumari Pun, Mrs Jyoti Rai, Mrs Julie Thapa, Mrs Dhanu Limbu, Miss Kanchan Roka & Nepali Local shops for helping us with push selling of the tickets for the celebration.

(Note: Tickets must be produced for Entrance to venue and Food serving point).

TICKET REFUND POLICY

9. If you have purchased a ticket, you may be eligible for a refund should the celebration be cancelled or if the event date is changed by the FNC Ladies Committee. As catering arrangements are determined by ticket sales, refunds cannot be issued for changes of mind or inability to attend the celebration. However, you might be able to sell your ticket to others at your own arrangement, if the ticket is **not** used for the event.

DRESS

10. Attendees are encouraged to wear Red Sari or Red Dress. If anyone prefers not to wear red, they may choose another appropriate outfit for the occasion.

TIMINGS

11. The scheduled timings for the celebration are as follows:

Sat 23 Aug 2025

9 AM	– FNC Ladies, Committee, and Members meet at Grand Burstin Hotel to decorate the venue
4 PM	- All FNC Ladies arrive at Grand Burstin Hotel with families for the celebration/Bar Open/Starter Open
8 PM	- Main Meal Open
8.30 PM to 11 PM	– Entertainment/ Raffle Draw
11 PM	- Celebration End/Clear Up Venue

FOOD

12. The following 3 course delicious meal will be served by Lemon Leaf Restaurant:

Starter: Sel Roti, Pork Bhutuwa, Mutton Bhutuwa, Fry Fish, Onion Bhaji, Aludam, Veg Noodles, Mix Achar & Tomato Chutney

Main Meal: Plain Rice, Daal, Mixed Vegetables, Pork Curry, Fish Curry, **Matar**

Paneer (Strictly for pure vegetarian only), Tomato Chutney, Mixed Salad & Papadum

Dessert: Gulab Jamun with Yoghurt & Mix Fruits

DRINKS

13. A cash bar offering a selection of drinks will be operated by the Grand Burstin Hotel for the celebration.

DECORATION OF VENUE

14. All FNC Ladies, FNC Committee members, and all other members are kindly requested to assemble at the Grand Burstin Hotel on Saturday, 23 August 2025 at 9 AM to assist the Ladies Committee with venue decoration.

STORE

15. The Ladies Coordinators will liaise with the FNC Gen Sec/Property Sec regarding the manpower and store requirements for the event.

16. The Ladies Coordinators are responsible for arranging the decoration items. Additionally, the FNC Ladies will provide colourful Saris to be used for venue decoration, as discussed in the meeting.

ACCESS TO THE BALL ROOM (PARTY PLACE)

17. Enter the Grand Burstin Hotel through the main entrance and turn left to access the Ball Room. The Ball Room Door will be open at 4 pm for the attendees on the day.

CAR PARK

18. A car park is available at the Grand Burstin Hotel at no cost. Car owners should register their vehicle number at the hotel reception, located immediately to the right of the main entrance, for security purposes. Failure to register may result in the imposition of parking charges, and your vehicle could be subject to clamping.

SOUND SYSTEM

19. Mr Baskar Rai (FNC Sports Sec) will provide the sound system on a repayment basis.

SPONSORSHIP OF RAFFLE PRIZE

20. Sponsorships for raffle prizes in support of the celebration are welcome and greatly appreciated. If you would like to sponsor prizes and have your name included on the Raffle Prize Sponsor list, please contact Mrs. Indira Rai, Mrs. Mamta Gurung, or the FNC General Secretary on 07733455320. You may also give your sponsored prizes to them on the day of the celebration.

TRANSPORT

21. Transport arrangements are as follows:

- a. **Travel to Venue.** Attendees are requested to make their own travel arrangement to the venue.
- b. **Return Transport.** If you require transport for the return journey, please register your name at least two days before the event with either the FNC Ladies Coordinator or FNC General Secretary on 07733455320. **No Registration, No Return Transport** ! So, please ensure your name is registered in advance so the FNC Ladies Committee can arrange suitable return transport for you after the celebration.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

22. Health and Safety is the responsibility of everyone. However, parents are requested to take extra care of their children's health and safety throughout the celebration. As this is a professional venue, FNC Ladies are advised to be aware of their surroundings and take appropriate measures to protect their belongings and children.

23. Please take extra care of your belongings. **Valuable ornaments may be worn upon arrival at the venue.**

24. Please **DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE.** Please celebrate safely and responsibly.

RESPONSIBILITIES

25. It is a joint effort of all FNC Ladies, and all are requested to lend their hands to the preparation and during the celebration. The Ladies Committee meeting on 06 Jul 2025 assigned the following responsibilities for efficient celebration planning and preparation:

Event Coordinator	- Mrs Indira Rai/Mrs Mamta Gurung
Production of Ticket	- Dr Maha Rai
Ticket Selling Desk	- Mrs Poonam Pun, Mrs Jyoti Rai, Mrs Hangma Limbu, Mrs Gita Thapa, Mrs Omkumari Pun & Mrs Ashmita Pun, Miss Kanchan Roka & Miss Swechchhya Rai
Ticket check at Entrance	- Mrs Dhanu Limbu, Mrs Tulsu Limbu Mrs Kalpana Tamang & Mrs Julie Thapa
Food	- Mrs Indira Rai, Mrs Purna Rai, Mrs Sushma Thapa, Miss & Lemon Leaf.
(Note: Ticket must be produced for Entrance to venue and Food serving point).	
Drinks	- Cash bar operated by the Grand Burstin Hotel
Entertainment/Raffle	- Mrs Indira Rai, Mrs Mamta Gurung, Mrs Dhanu Limbu & Mrs Sushma Thapa
Music/DJ	- Mr Bhaskar Rai
Photographer	- Mr Nagendra Rai

CONCLUSION

26. Please share this information with FNC Ladies and family friends in your contacts who may not have access to the FNC social network. Teej is a celebration of women, and success of this festival depends on the collective support and participation of everyone. Let's work together to make it a memorable and joyful event.

Happy Teej 2025 !

(Original Signed)

MRS INDIRA RAI

Ladies Co-Ordinator

Folkestone Nepalese Community

Distribution:

Action:

All FNC Ladies (including all Listed at para 25 above)

FNC Committee Members (Including Trustees/Advisors)

All FNC Members

All Senior Citizens

Mr Hari Rai (Manager Lemon Leaf)

Proprietors Gurkha Hill, Everest Cash & Carry and New Cash & Carry

Information:

Chairman, FNC