



## AMARAVATI

### Web developer needed

We could use help with developing and maintaining the Amaravati website. Someone with some programming experience would be ideal. If you think you might be interested, please write to:

[monasterysecretary at amaravati dot org](mailto:monasterysecretary@amaravati dot org)

### Family events

**Rainbows Weekend:** 30 April–3 May

**Rainbows Weekend:** 25–27 June

**Family Camp:** 21 – 29 August

**Young Persons' Retreat:** 26–28 November

**Creative Retreat:** 10–12 Dec. (age 18+)

*Booking forms and further information about these and all family events can be found at*

[www.family.amaravati.org](http://www.family.amaravati.org) or

contact: [familyevents at amaravati dot org](mailto:familyevents@amaravati dot org)

### Lay events 2009–10

#### Amaravati Lay Buddhist Association:

*These events are led by experienced lay teachers or the Sangha.*

**Days of Practice (DoP)** – no need to book 9.45 a.m. for 10–5 p.m. (Please bring a ready-to-eat packed lunch)

**Retreats** – advanced booking essential\* 5.30 p.m. Fri. – 4 p.m. on the last day.

16 January 2010: Winter Day of Practice

15 February: Winter Day of Practice

6 March: Winter Day of Practice

3 April: Day of Practice

21–23 May: Weekend Retreat (Nick Caroll)

5 June: Day of Practice

16–20 July: Five-day Retreat (Martin Evans)

14 August: Day of Practice

18 September: Day of Practice

1–3 Oct. : Weekend Retreat (Nick Caroll)

13 November: Day of Practice

18 December: Day of Practice

\*Retreat booking forms and event details can be found on our website: [www.buddhacommunity.org](http://www.buddhacommunity.org)

#### Buddhist Women's Network

12–14 Feb.: Weekend Retreat, Pennines, led by Chris Blain. (Contact: 01434 322176)

7 March: Day retreat at Amaravati

23–25 July: Weekend retreat at Amaravati

19 December: Day retreat at Amaravati

For details: [jennijepson at yahoo dot co.uk](mailto:jennijepson@yahoo dot co.uk)

## ARUNA RATANAGIRI

### Kusala House manager needed

For unexpected reasons our current and wonderful Kusala House manager will have to leave earlier than planned. This means that at Aruna Ratanagiri we are looking for a new guest house manager to start at the beginning of April 2010. If you are interested, please contact the monastery.

For job specifications please have a look at [www.ratangiri.org.uk/announcements](http://www.ratangiri.org.uk/announcements).

### Retreats at Harnham

#### Kusala House Retreats 2010

##### Mixed Retreat 22–25 April

Led by Ajahn Tiradhammo

##### Mixed Retreat 14–21 May

Led by Ajahn Sucitto (Fully booked)

##### Mixed Retreat 31 July–7 August

Led by Ajahn Abhinando

##### Mixed Retreat 4–7 November

Led by Ajahn Amaro (Fully booked)

##### Sutta Study Days with Peter Harvey 2 May, 12 Sep., 21 Nov.

9.30 to 16.00, with a shared vegetarian lunch.

**Volunteer cooks wanted** – please let us know if you'd like to help cook for a retreat this year.

**Kusala House, Aruna Ratanagiri Monastery, Harnham, Belsay, Northumberland, UK**

*For more information and booking for these events please contact Kath Ann Jones at:*

[kusalaretreats08 at gmail dot com](mailto:kusalaretreats08@gmail dot com)

or by phone at +44 (0120) 728–3361

or see: [www.kusalahouse.org](http://www.kusalahouse.org)

## PUBLICATIONS

### New photo sharing website

In addition to the new website for poetry edited by Ajahn Sucitto and Ajahn Abhinando – [www.dhammadmoon.org](http://www.dhammadmoon.org) – another new website is up and running, one which shows images from the Theravada Buddhist world. You can find it at: [www.allisburning.org](http://www.allisburning.org).

### Graphic and Web designers

We continue to gather a list of volunteers with Web development and/or graphic design/typesetting experience who may like to help with future Sangha publications. If you think you might be interested, please contact [editor at amaravati dot org](mailto:editor@amaravati dot org)

### Grapes without a vine?

If you haven't yet, please read about the changes coming to the newsletter on pages 2–3. As the *Forest Sangha Newsletter* will no longer be produced on a schedule throughout the year, monastery news and announcements, particularly from Amaravati, will not depend on the FSN's Grapevine pages to get the word out.

The best way to find out about what's happening, what's being offered, and opportunities to participate at the monasteries is to visit [www.forestsangha.org](http://www.forestsangha.org). There you will find links to the different monastery websites and to their own newsletters, as well as the most recent announcements of which they wish to inform a wider readership, which will be posted on the 'current news' page on that site.

## Amaravati Newsletter

In order to inform people of what's happening at the monastery, Amaravati will be producing its own small newsletter. We intend it to be circulated mainly via email; however, we will also print hard copies to be distributed at the monastery, and posted to those of you who prefer that. If you would like to be put on the mailing list for Amaravati's new newsletter, please send us your details. (Please be aware we will not be publishing anything before late April or May 2010.)

### To receive the Amaravati newsletter by email (recommended), or by post:

Please send your email and/or home address to: [abmnews at amaravati dot org](mailto:abmnews@amaravati dot org) or post it to Amaravati Newsletter, Amaravati, Great Gaddesden, HERTS, HP1 3BZ

**In either case, please indicate whether you wish to receive it by email or by post.**

## Introduction to meditation

Workshops at Amaravati 🌿 Saturday afternoons 2–4 p.m.

Meditation instruction for beginners, with an opportunity for questions and dialogue

Feel free to come along – no booking is necessary

Classes are held in the Temple

