



AMARAVATI

Family events

Rainbows Weekend: 29 April – 2 May

June Weekend: 24–26 June

Summer Camp: 20–28 August

Young Persons' Retreat: 11–13 Nov.

Creative Retreat: 9–11 Dec. (age 18+)

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

www.family.amaravati.org or email:

familyevents(at)amaravati(dot)org

Lay events 2011

Amaravati Lay Buddhist Association:

ALBA is a group of lay practitioners closely associated with Amaravati; they hold practice events throughout the year.

More information, and details of their activities can be found via their website:

www.buddhacommunity.org

Buddhist Women's Network

A women's practice group associated with ALBA also holds periodic events: for details contact [jennijepson\(at\)yahoo\(dot\)co.uk](mailto:jennijepson@yahoo.co.uk)

Lay residential opportunities

There are, or may soon be, openings for lay residential positions at Amaravati for people willing to help in the following two areas:

Grounds & Maintenance. If you have an interest to work, live and practise with the monastic community for up to a year or more, please write to the Monastery Secretary at Amaravati or email: [monasterysecretary\(at\)amaravati\(dot\)org](mailto:monasterysecretary(at)amaravati(dot)org)

PUBLICATIONS

Helping with e-books

The Sangha could use some help with transferring our publications to digital formats, and with proofreading the results.

With the advent of popular e-readers such as the Kindle and the iPad an opportunity now exists to freely distribute Dhamma books easily and at no cost to more people than ever before.

If you're interested in being part of this, please let us know if you think you can help with any of the following:

- scanning physical books using Optical Text Recognition (OCR) equipment;
- proofreading digital text files against the original books;
- formatting the digital texts in the appropriate formats (mostly EPUB).

You can contact the Amaravati Publications Secretary, Nick Halliday, at: [abmpublications\(at\)gmail\(dot\)com](mailto:abmpublications(at)gmail(dot)com)

MONASTERY NEWS

Where to find news and announcements from the monasteries

Now that the *Forest Sangha Newsletter* is published about once a year, much of the news from the monasteries formerly provided here on the Grapevine is instead published elsewhere. Below is a guide to how you can get news from many of the monasteries. The postal address and contact details for each monastery can be found on the back page.

'Portal' website : www.forestsangha.org

www.forestsangha.org acts as a portal to Ajahn Chah branch monasteries with non-Thai resident Sanghas. News and announcements can be found on the **Current News** page, as well as by following the links under **Newsletters**.

Amaravati

Announcements can be found on the website, www.amaravati.org. Amaravati now has its own quarterly bulletin, called **Looking Ahead** (also available on the website). Subscribe to receive this by email or by post, at Looking Ahead, Amaravati, or at [abmnews\(at\)amaravati\(dot\)org](mailto:abmnews(at)amaravati(dot)org)

Aruna Ratanagiri (Harnham)

Look under News, on the website www.ratanagiri.org.uk for links to a blog, announcements, retreats and more, including the monastery newsletter, **Hilltop**. To receive *Hilltop* by post or by email, write to Sangha Office, Aruna Ratanagiri Monastery, or email [sangha\(at\)ratanagiri\(dot\)org.uk](mailto:sangha(at)ratanagiri(dot)org.uk)

Cittaviveka (Chithurst)

For an email containing Cittaviveka's seasonal newsletter, write to the monastery or go to the website www.cittaviveka.org where you can subscribe on the **News** webpage. Other events are also announced there.

Hartridge (Devon)

See the **Announcements** page on their website: hartridgemonastery.org. Hartridge periodically produces a newsletter: contact the monastery to sign up to receive it.

Dhammapala (Switzerland)

In addition to announcements posted on their German-language website dhammapala.org, Dhammapala produces an annual newsletter available in German, English, French and Thai. Download it from the website, or to subscribe write to the monastery or email [info\(at\)dhammapala\(dot\)ch](mailto:info(at)dhammapala(dot)ch)

Santacittarama (Italy)

Santacittarama has a website with an English as well as Italian version (a Thai version is in the works): santacittarama.org. News can be found there as well as a digital newsletter; to subscribe to this, email the monastery at [sangha\(at\)santacittarama\(dot\)org](mailto:sangha(at)santacittarama(dot)org)

Bodhinyanarama (New Zealand)

For news and announcements and to download their newsletter, go to Bodhinyanarama's website: www.bodhinyanarama.net.nz. To receive the newsletter by email or post, write to the monastery or email [sangha.nz\(at\)gmail\(dot\)com](mailto:sangha.nz(at)gmail(dot)com)

Abhayagiri (USA)

Updated news and announcements can be found on Abhayagiri's website, www.abhayagiri.org, where you can also read or download their newsletter, **Fearless Mountain**, and apply to be put on their postal or emailing list (you can also write to the monastery for this).