

BODHI NEWSLETTER May 06

Change of Website & Email address

Our website is up, it's very basic and we are looking for someone to help us develop it: www.bodhi-eco-project.org.uk and e-mail info@bodhi-eco-project.org.uk Please note the dashes and the absence of the word "village".

BODHI *Building* EVENTS:

- **Working retreat** at Dhanakosa Retreat Centre, May 25 - 29, is now fully booked.
- **Ceilidh** on Friday 19th May 9pm. @ 14 Garrioch Drive, Glasgow G20 8RS
Please note change of venue. Bring veg. food, drink, poems, songs and stories to share. Please ring Ratnadevi to say you are coming. 0141 946 8096

Planting Bodhi Seeds - Mid Summer weekend residential retreat @ Wiston Lodge 23rd to 25th June 2006.

The retreat will be led by Larry Butler and Ratnadevi, and will be an excellent opportunity to make contact and deepen your connection with the body eco project. Other bodhi events have focused on developing the project in terms of clarifying our aims, and developing skills such as permaculture and communciation. Now is an opportunity to come together primarily with the intention to practice mindfulness, which is our guiding principle; through meditation, some taichi and yoga, and a midsummer ritual. There will be opportunities to get to know people through talking as well and to enjoy the lovely countryside. Larry and Ratnadevi have run retreats of this kind for many years and are known to create a relaxed, creative and encouraging environment for spiritual practice.

We may be able to offer creche facilities for parents.

To book a place please send a deposit of £30 before end of May. Suggested donations for the weekend: £125 waged, £85 low waged, £60 unwaged(including accommodation and full board). For campers the cost is £30 less.

Contact Ratnadevi for further information: ratnadevi@metronet.co.uk
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- **W/E at Dunbaig.** David Blair's eco house, which we had been planning to visit for a while, very sadly burnt down recently. But David is still keen to have us come and visit his project. Activities that we could do would most likely be Rhododendron removal (bashing) and repairing his deer barriers. Camping would be possible, with lots of good spots in the woods. Please get in touch with Diarmid if you are interested. 0141 339810

Vesak Saturday 13th May 2006 at The Hidden Gardens, Tramway, 11am-4pm. Bodhi will have a stall at this event and Ratnadevi will be part of a panel discussion on 'Buddhism and the Environment' (at 3pm)

This year's Vesak celebrations have a special resonance for Buddhists round the world as they mark the 2550th anniversary of Buddha's enlightenment. Glasgow will be playing its part in the global celebrations as Buddhists organisations from across the central belt come together to celebrate Vesak at The Hidden Gardens.

The event kicks off at 11am with a special puja. The Gardens will then be the venue for a range of family activities including storytelling, meditations, food, talks, information stalls, and a bird and butterfly procession at 2:30pm.

This year, The Hidden Gardens are proud to be receiving from the Buddhist community a cutting from the original Bodhi Tree (the tree under which Buddha found enlightenment). Symbolising good will to all living things, this is an appropriate and much welcome addition to The Hidden Gardens plant collection.

With thanks to Rokpa Glasgow, Scotland's Buddhist Vihara and Glasgow Buddhist Centre.

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Buddhafield Festival: 12 to 16 July 2006 with the theme of "transforming self and world". Tel 01647 24539 or see the Buddhafield website: www.buddhafield.com