

April 2006

Bhole Baba Ki Jai !

Dear Friends of Babaji

Spring Navaratri - Haidakhan

Navaratri has come and gone and this year many English devotees were gathered in Haidakhan for it's celebrations. One German devotee described Haidakhan as "*der absolute Ueberplatz*" meaning there is no other place like it, a sort of unbelievable paradise, where every corner seems deeply imbued with spirit.

Muniraji as ever conducted and held everything together with his infinite grace, patience and compassion. To some the best part of the daily Navaratri celebrations with it's intense program was the interlude between the reading of the sapti sati and the havan on the Gufa side. It was then that many gathered around Muniraji in the tropical dhuni garden for a moment of rest. In perfect silence there was the drinking of tea, the listening to the birds and the enjoyment of the warmth of the sun, while here and there subtle communications and smiles were being exchanged with one another. Best of all is the impenetrable peace and harmony that those sit-ins with the guru generate, and we all feed on it like birds on a water table.

Spring Navaratri in the U.K.

Those who remained in the U.K. celebrated Spring Navaratri either in their own homes and private temples or at the ashram in Wales. Those who went to Blaengors had the benefit this year of sitting around a brand new pucca **dhuni with a roof!!!** Thanks to Pete Dale who spent most of March at the ashram transforming the old dhuni into a beautiful new one, we are all at last sitting in the dry! Pete's love and devotion together with his artistic skill for this project has been hugely appreciated. The next fire ceremony will be held on the week-end of May 20th.

19-20-21 May

Please come to this community week-end. The AGM (see enclosed) is only part of the event, the rest is ashram life as usual: aartis, fire ceremony, satsang and community

Sunday 21st May after aarti will be the final organising of the **pilgrimage/sponsored walk from London to Blaengors**. If you want to be part of this walk, it's organisation, and find out how it's going to work, it is important that you turn up!

Deadline for July Journal 15th June!

The theme **Who is Babaji?** invites all of you to make a contribution, either in form of a one liner or a story. This is to remind us again of the source that has inspired so many people's hearts including major projects such as an ashram, Healing Tent Events and GOMA concerts. We look forward to receiving your contribution on this or any other relevant subject. Thank you!

EVENTS:

Babaji Healing Temple Tent

3rd June – Bhajan singing Alternative Lifestyle Fayre at Powderham castle near Exeter - 01363 773096

11th June – Sunrise Celebration in Somerset. Ring Atmaram for info on 01363-773096.

19th July to 24th July Babaji Healing Temple Tent at the Healing Field Gathering, Glastonbury - For tickets phone 01458 831485 or 01179 556690 or see website www.healingfield.btinternet.co.uk

10th to 14th August Gaunts House Summer Gathering - phone Gaunts House on 01202 841522

24th August Health and Harmony Festival at Tapley Park North Devon (Bhajan singing) 01363 773096

Regular aartis

Tuesday evenings puja and aarati in Crediton, Devon at 7:30pm, tel. Atmaram & Kanchan 01363 773096

Friday evenings puja and aarati in Tiverton, Devon at 7:00pm tel: Durga Das or Harisuddha 01884 259454

Fire ceremony and puja approx once a month in Crediton, Devon, telephone Atmaram 01363 773096 or 07729 155219 for more details

Aaratis & fire ceremonies are taking place in London, at the ashram in Wales and other places. For further information please contact the secretary Neil Lamont neillamont@yahoo.com

GOMA Concerts

Sat. 6th May 7.30pm at Tri Yoga Centre, Primrose Hill, Erskine Rd., London

Sat. 13th May (Buddha Full Moon), 7pm Yoga Festival in Bournemouth

Sat. 24th June 7.30pm United Reform Church, Highgate, London

GURU PURNIMA CISTERNINO (Italy) 8th - 12th July 2006

Following the highly successful international Babaji gathering in Schweibenalp in 2004, this year's will be held in Southern Italy. Apparently our Italian brothers and sisters are prepared for an avalanche of 300-400 devotees! Please book now to secure yourself a place at the ashram.

Sponsored walk-pilgrimage London to Blaengors – we need you!

Progress is being made on this exciting venture. Maps have been bought and routes have been planned. So far we have several focalisers for the following stretches:

London to Oxford – Kalika (tel: 020-7687-0772) & Neil (tel: 020-8986-9917)

Oxford to Stroud – Gaby & Rob (tel: 01865-247851)

Stroud to Hereford and to Builth Wells – Sangita and Sandra (01453-765736)

Focaliser wanted for the last stretch: Builth Wells to Blaengors over the lovely Cambrians !

Might you be interested in this? If so, then please ring 01865-247-851 We also need more walkers. You can walk one day or more. But the days need to be planned soon, so that we know who walks on what day. Therefore if you want to participate in this community venture or simple find out more about it, please get in touch with any of the above. Thank you and Om Namah Shivay.

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