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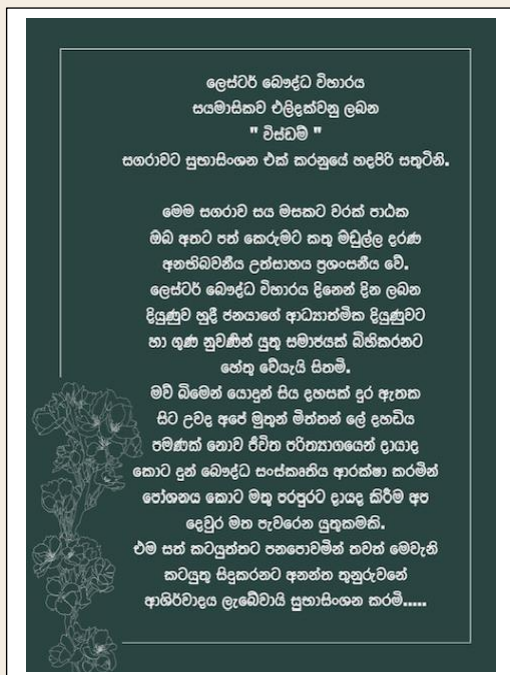


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Message from >>>

Ven. Marassana Saddhananda
Thero



To provide help, advice, teaching and training to those with an interest in Buddhism and meditation in the Buddhist community

Message from the EMBA Committee >>>

Dear Devotees,

We are pleased to present the 2nd issue of the EMBA Newsletter for 2021 and apologies for the delay in publishing this 2nd issue.

The highlight of the second half of the year is the successful completion of the Annual Katina Ceremony. With a very large number of devotees, the Annual Katina Ceremony was held on 7th November 2021 at the Braunstone Civic Centre with the participation of 9 monks from across the UK. As always, we are grateful to Ven Saddhananda Thero for his leadership, and thank Mr & Mrs Dushantha Bopagamage and family for their generous sponsorship and to all others who made donations to make this event a success. We are also grateful to all those who worked tirelessly in the months preceding to the event to make this event a success.

This year the EMBA committee was also able to put together an inventory of items for the Leicester Buddhist Vihara. Our sincere thanks go to all those who contributed to this major task.

It is with sadness the EMBA committee note the demise of several close family members of our dear devotees. May they all attain the Supreme Bliss of Nibbana.

Despite all efforts, the EMBA committee was not able to make progress with building an extension to the temple premises. This was due to turning down of the planning application by the Council due to an issue with the ownership of the building. We thank Dr Nanayakkara, our Senior Trustee, as always, for taking the initiative to resolve this issue. The EMBA committee awaits the resolution of this matter to restart the project.

As always, the EMBA committee is grateful to the members of the Leicester Buddhist Society for continuing with the weekly meditation & sutta discussion programmes.

Last but not least, we thank the outgoing 2021 EMBA committee for their ongoing efforts towards the upkeep of the Leicester Buddhist Vihara.

Please take a moment to read this newsletter. We hope you will enjoy reading it.



Opening Times

Open 7 days a week

8 am to 8 pm

EMBA COMMITTEE 2021 >>>

Executive Committee:

President : Dr Nelun Perera
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 Mr Saman Gamage
 Mr Dilan Panadura
 Mrs Piyumi Perera
 Mr Dharshana Ranathunge
 Mr Sarath Wijesinghe

Hon Auditors:

Ms Amanda Hettige
 Mrs Thushari Wanshanatha

❖ Religious activities to date...

25th July 2021 Vas Aradhana (Rains retreat)

Mr. & Mrs. Dushantha Bopagamage and children with the participation of friends and family conducted the traditional Vas Aradhana to Ven Saddhananda on 25th July 2021



❖ Events Calendar 2022 >>>

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15th August 2021 – Atavisi Buddha pooja



A very colourful 'Atavisi' Buddha Pooja was held with the participation of a large gathering on 15th August 2021.



The Katina ceremony was held on 7th November 2021 with the participation of nine Venerable Monks. A large gathering attended the ceremony.



Vinitha Thero,
Resident monk, Amarawati temple

Ven. Uduwara Indarathana



Ven. Marassana Saddananda

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We take this opportunity to
thank all the Venerable Monks
who assisted us and participated
in the religious activities during
this difficult period.

Other activities:

- ❖ Muruthan poojawa
- ❖ Sil programmes
- ❖ Dhamma sermons
- ❖ Katina robe sewing
- ❖ Colouring of the katina robe (Pandu mangalya)

The Leicester Buddhist Society

The society continues to run the weekly programmes on SKYPE. For more information please contact Will Read for the link.



(1) Friday at 19. 30-21.30 at the leader's house. This is mainly for beginners and covers all Buddhist traditions. Contact Ms Barbara Russell.

(2) Saturday at 17.30-19.30 at the Leicester Buddhist Vihāra. This is mainly for meditators with some experience of Theravāda Buddhism. Contact Mr Will Read.

(3) Monday at 18.30-20.00 at the Leicester Buddhist Vihāra.

Leicester Buddhist Vihara Dhamma School Every Sunday from 3 PM via zoom >>>

Leicester Buddhist Vihara continued to sustain the delivery of the Senior and Junior Dhamma schools for the children of Leicester Buddhist Vihara devotees for a 3rd consecutive year.

All lessons have been on Zoom.

We thank Ven Saddhananda Thero and the support staff for their hard work and commitment.

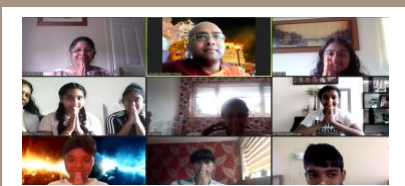
A regular focus of the Dhamma school has been to encourage children to learn 'Buddha Vandana' and 'Loving Kindness Meditation'. In addition, children are encouraged to recite a 'thought of the day' and present the entries maintained in the 'Merit book'.

Other topics covered this year included learning the 'blessings' of the Maha Mangala Sutta, outstanding Lay Disciples, the significance of full moon poya days (for the Senior class) and the meanings / morals of "Sirith Mal Dama" poems.

We are also pleased to announce that we will be reverting to face to face dhamma school very soon.



Senior Dhamma Class



Junior Dhamma Class



Getting *Involved...* with EMBA

EMBA General membership is open to all devotees !

- Minimum fee £5 / per month
- Complete a donation form (contact Ven Thero or the Secretary- secretary.emba1987@gmail.com)
- Join our different sub-committees and help develop the temple
- Join the Executive Committee of EMBA at the AGM and get involved

Making a donation !

- Pay by cash
- Pay by cheque
- Bank transfer
- If you are an UK tax payer your donations will enable us to recover a tax refund from HMRC
- Please let us know if you are happy for us to collect a tax refund by ticking the Gift-aid box of the donation form
- Don't forget, if you are a UK tax payer, your donation will qualify you to claim tax refund/s
- For more information contact the Treasurer (treasurer.emba1987@gmail.com)

How Will Your Donation Help The Temple !

- Sponsoring religious events invoking blessing to your loved ones, commemorate special events ie. Birthdays, Anniversaries etc.,
- Sponsoring visiting monks – visas and airfare
- Sponsoring full or partly fund raising appeals i.e. loft conversion for storage
- Supporting the daily upkeep of the temple (i.e. utilities)



Offer Dana >>>

For more information kindly visit our
webpage view the Dana Calendar on the website
www.leicesterbuddhistvihara.co.uk

The EMBA Committee want to thank >>>>

Donations:

To all the devotees who made generous cash donations at the Katina Ceremony.

To the devotees who donated the following:

1. Window blinds for the temple
2. Chafing dishes
3. Rice cooker
4. A complete sound system, mixer, speakers and microphones
5. A complete set of crockery for 15 monks
6. Orthopaedic mattress for the monk's bed

Funding the Zoom platform:

To the parents of the Dhamma School for your regular donations towards the Zoom rental.

Donations to amazon smile:

To all those who continue to support EMBA as the chosen charity on amazon smile

Up coming events!

*The Annual General Meeting of the EMBA will be held on 13th March 2022
at the Millfield Hall, Braunstone Civic Centre from 3-5pm.*

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(EMBA)

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- ❖ 10th April 2022 - Sinhala & Hindu “singithi” aluth avurudhu programme
- ❖ 8th May 2022 - Wesak “sil” programme for children & adults
- ❖ 12th June 2022 - Poson Bakthi gee, by students of the dhamma school