



# NEWSLETTER

of New Govardhana Community

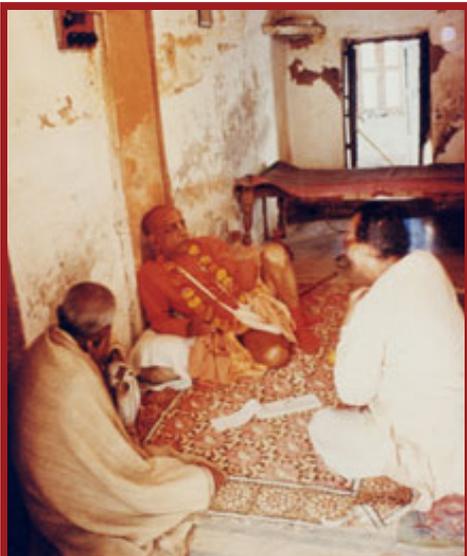
# THE CONCH

"Lord Sri Krishna and Arjuna blew their celestial conches to rally and enthuse the devotees."



Dedicated to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, Founder Acarya of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness

## SNAPSHOTS ...



ISKCON Founder Acarya His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada

*Prabhupada uvaca ...*

Since Lord Krishna's spiritual body had apparently grown slightly in age and strength, the senior men of Vrindavana, headed by Nanda Mahārāja, decided to promote Krishna from the task of herding calves to the status of a regular cowherd boy. He would now take care of the full-grown cows, bulls and oxen. Out of great affection, Nanda Mahārāja had previously considered Krishna too small and immature to take care of full-grown cows and bulls.

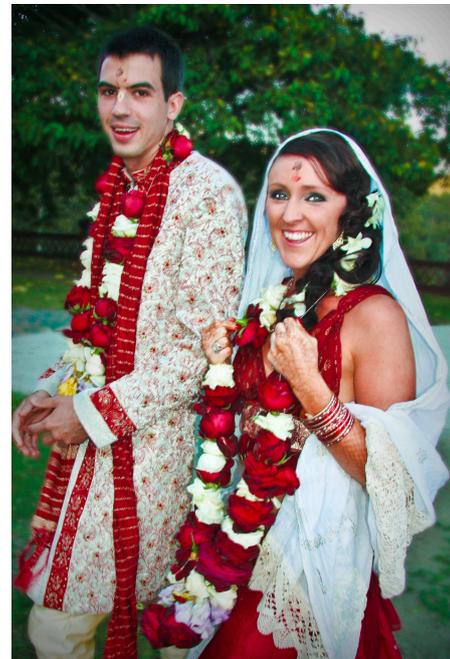
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"Govardhana Hill is like a flag of intense sweetness placed in the opulent land of Vrindavana" (Vraja-riti-cintamani Ch.3)



National Day of Action against Coal Seam Gas mining, at Knox Park 16th October  
Danesvara Prabhu and Karunika Mataji prepared sumptuous prasadam and Yasoda Mataji helped serve out



Bhisma Durr and Anukula Benson were married on the 30th September at New Govardhana



Nandaraja and Mahesvari's son Nandulal born 27 Sept 2011



vraja vadhuṣ kīrtan

Watch Temple website for details

**NEW GOVARDHANA**  
**20 NOVEMBER**

Gaura Mani & Param Das sing sacred chants accompanied by Nruhari Das on saxophone. They bring exquisitely powerful & peaceful vibrations to the heart.



New restaurant at Broadbeach  
[www.foodgoldcoast.com.au/cardamom-pod/](http://www.foodgoldcoast.com.au/cardamom-pod/)



*Maha Mantra and Narottama head up the team converting containers for WWOOFer accommodation*

## WOOFER ACCOMMODATION

*by Maha Mantra Das*

With the continuous flow of backpackers participating in the WWOOFer (Willing Workers on Organic Farms) program, the need for better facilities has come about. The accommodation is being moved nearer to the shower/toilet block opposite the goshala. These dwellings are shipping containers

converted to suit travellers' needs, and the first of three has been completed. Each container has been fully insulated and divided into 3 rooms, where 2- 4 people per room can stay. A second roof covers the container and extends to make a verandah. This type of accommodation is fully transportable and can be moved if the need arises. It is also cost effective as it uses many recycled materials.



*Dhruvananda Prabhu paints the inside of the converted containers*



*Narottama Prabhu preparing walls for lining*



*First of the completed rooms in the new WWOOFer accommodation*

## AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

The output of produce from the Agriculture Department has been increasing in recent months, largely due to the WWOOF program and Vijaya Lashand Prabhu's expertise.

In the last 5 months under the supervision of WWOOFer co-ordinator Madreya Prabhu, the WWOOFers have planted broccoli,

cauliflower, potato, silverbeet, cabbage, ginger, tomato, capsicum and sweet potato. Broccoli and cauliflower are nearing the end of their growing season whilst silverbeet grows all year round. Summer crops are growing fast with the spring rains.

This organic produce is available for purchase at the New Govardhana Sunday Feast programme.



*Organic vegetable garden*



*Govinda Prabhu harvesting broccoli*



*Vijaya Prabhu packing produce*

## CONGRATULATIONS LAKSHMIPRIYA

We would like to congratulate Lakshmipriya Devi Dasi on her being admitted as a lawyer in the Supreme Court on the 7th October 2011 after 5 years of study.

Lakshmipriya grew up in ISKCON

and has resided on the farm for just over 12 years. As well as looking after her children, Lakshman (10) Dhira-Lalit (7) and Balagovinda (4), she is also engaged in Deity worship and works with a local law firm.



*Lakshmipriya Devi Dasi*

# GREAT BALLS OF KOFTA

by Krishna Gan Das

Many people attend festivals, sometimes paying up to \$100 entry fee to be able to enjoy a plate of Krishna prasadam.

The most popular item on the menu is definitely the kofta balls, especially favoured by the younger generation who are becoming aware of the Hare Krishnas for the first time. One year at the Byron Bay festival we prepared and sold 65,000 of these delicious savouries.



Catering and gift shop at festival site

People always talk very favourably about our food and tell us they look forward to the following year. If at any time, we have been unable to cater for a festival, the organisers have practically begged us to find a way to do so. Such is the high reputation of our food up and down the East Coast. We pray Srila Prabhupada will be very happy.

We also take a little gift shop along

## EDITORIAL GUIDELINES

Articles submitted to the Conch must not contain more than 200 words and be supplied in either MS Word format or put directly into the body of an email. Photos must be submitted in JPG format. All submissions must be sent to [newgovconch@gmail.com](mailto:newgovconch@gmail.com) by the 21st of each month. Articles and photos must include the author's and photographer's names.

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Urvasi Devi Dasi

### EDITORIAL ADVISER:

Mukunda Goswami



Krishna prasadam at a music festival

with us, with Srila Prabhupada's books being in the centre.

Mostly we cater for music festivals. They generally open from 10am to 12.00pm for a period of 2 to 3 days. For us, a normal day begins at around 5.00am by taking bath and then chanting our rounds. At 7.30am the food preparation begins with everything being ready to serve by 10.00am. After distributing the mercy all day, the cleanup takes us up to midnight. Hopefully we take rest by 1.00am.

Depending on the size of the festival we distribute 200-1,100 plates each day with just a cook, a kitchen hand and a server.

Over the last few months, we have travelled north to Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Mackay, Emerald and the Sunshine Coast and also south to the Blue Mountains, Sydney and Ballina. At the end of the year we are off to Tasmania.

So for anyone who likes to travel, we can help fulfil that desire. It may be hard work and long hours but the service is very rewarding.

*If you are interested please contact Krishna Gan Das 0421 932 226 or Ajita Das 0419 645 305*

## HH BIR KRISHNA DAS GOSWAMI VISITING

Rupa Raghunatha Prabhuhari and Krishna Rupa Mataji invite you to an evening programme with HH Bir Krishna Das Goswami

at their house on Wednesday 9th November from 4pm. Maharaja will give Srimad Bhagavatam class Thursday 10th November. Please contact them on 0488045858 for more details.



HH Bir Krishna Das Goswami

## LAGUDI PRABHU DEPARTS FOR VRINDAVANA

by Damodara Pandit Das

For the last 27 years at New Govardhana there has been one constant servant of Lord Sri Krishna. He is famous throughout the region and the world of ISKCON. Of course it is Lagudi Prabhu. He is colorful, individual and above all, always dedicated to the service of Srila



Lagudi Prabhu

Prabhupada. His fame developed due to his yogic feats and his austerities, but mainly as a pioneer in the field of working the bullocks. As his age crept into the 60's he increased his seva to Sri Sri Radha Govardhanadari, and his time with the bullocks dwindled. Lagudi was an exemplary pujari and woke the Lords everyday at 4 am for 15 years.

After 27 glorious years Lagudi Das says it is now time for a new stage in his life. As such the community held a special evening in his honor. Many devotees, including Mukunda Maharaj gathered to honor the wonderful contribution of Lagudi Prabhu. Devotees expressed their appreciations, especially how Lagudi Prabhu would never criticize a Vaisnava, was very kind and generous, and had endless energy to serve.

It is ironic that Lagudi Prabhu is going to Vrindavan at the same age Srila Prabhupada left Vrindavan. Lagudi said that he felt he was also going Vrindavana to preach as did his Guru Maharaj. "I love New Govardhana and it is non-different to Vraj. Everything is there; Krishna, the cows, the devotees and Govardhana Hill".

# HARINAMA SANKIRTANA KI JAYA



# YEARS 7 & 8 AVAILABLE 2012 AT GURUKULA

by Vinode Bihari Das

As a result of many hours of preparation by the Bhaktivedanta Gurukula team, we are pleased to announce that the school has passed all the required compliance inspections laid down by the New South Wales Board of Studies. This has resulted in the attainment of the required Accreditation Certificate permitting us to commence the educational process in 2012 for years 7 + 8. This will eventually allow the school to expand classes all the way up to School Certificate level in Year 10.

The High School programme designed for our students has been enriched with a multi- perspective approach. For example, the study of science not only assists in developing the ascending and investigative approach, but also addresses the concept of a

higher descending knowledge (*apauruseya*).

Other subjects such as English, Geography and History will also centre on bringing out the true qualities of Vaisnava character and understanding within our students. In this way we are aiming to support children in the development of a competent and wholesome understanding of the world around us, as well as to provide them with many opportunities to learn and practice the necessary skills for a successful and fulfilling future.

The High School programme covers the following subjects: Vaisnava Studies, English, Math, History, Geography, Science, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education, Creative Arts (Music and Visual arts), Technology, and Applied Sciences and a Foreign Language. The Classes will commence from Term 1 in 2012.

Enquiries: Gurukula office at [iskool@australia.edu](mailto:iskool@australia.edu) or call **02 6672 3788** for information regarding enrolment for all grades from Kindergarten to Year 8.

**Friday Evenings 6.30 pm**  
Bhakti Centre Surfers Paradise  
[bhakticentregoldcoast.com.au](http://bhakticentregoldcoast.com.au)

**Sunday Mornings**  
Northern NSW & Gold Coast  
[folkkrishna.com/program.htm](http://folkkrishna.com/program.htm)  
Isvara Prabhu 0411 825 549

**Sunday 6th November 2011**  
Byron Bay Market

**Sunday 13th November 2011**  
Coolangatta Market

## NOVEMBER CALENDER

(from the online Vaisnava calender [www.vaisnavacalender.com](http://www.vaisnavacalender.com))

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| <b>3 Th</b>  | <b>Gopastami, Gosthastami</b><br>Sri Gadadhara Dasa Gosvami -- Disappearance<br>Sri Dhananjaya Pandita -- Disappearance<br>Sri Srinivasa Acarya -- Disappearance<br><b>New Gov Community Meeting 5:30 pm @ Temple</b> |
| <b>4 Fr</b>  | Jagaddhatri Puja<br><b>Film Night from 5 pm</b>   |
| <b>6 Su</b>  | Ekadasi (not suitable for fasting)<br>Srila Gaura Kisora Dasa Babaji -- Disappearance   |
| <b>7 Mo</b>  | Dvadasi (suitable for fasting) Paksa vardhini Mahadvadasi<br>Fasting for Utthana Ekadasi<br>First day of Bhisma Pancaka   |
| <b>8 Tu</b>  | Trayodasi Break fast 04:52 - 09:18  |
| <b>9 We</b>  | Sri Bhugarbha Gosvami -- Disappearance<br>Sri Kasisvara Pandita -- Disappearance<br>Last day of the fourth Caturmasya month   |
| <b>10 Th</b> | Sri Krishna Rasayatra<br>Tulasi-Saligrama Vivaha (marriage)<br>Sri Nimbarkacarya -- Appearance  |
| <b>11 Fr</b> | Last day of Bhisma Pancaka<br><b>Maha Kirtana at New Govardhana 6.pm - 11.11pm</b>  |
| <b>12 Sa</b> | Katyayani vrata begins  |
| <b>22 Tu</b> | Ekadasi (suitable for fasting) Trisprsa Mahadvadasi<br>Fasting for Utpanna Ekadasi<br>Sri Narahari Sarakara Thakura -- Disappearance  |
| <b>23 We</b> | Trayodasi Break fast 04:45 - 09:18<br>Sri Kaliya Krsnadasa -- Disappearance<br>Sri Saranga Thakura -- Disappearance   |

## ADVERTISEMENTS ...

### Yoga with Jolie

**Mon 11.00am - 12.30pm**  
**Tues 3.30pm - 5.00pm**  
**Fri 11.00am - 12.30pm**  
 Information & bookings call  
 Jolie on 0450 716 108

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