



theosophical centre

HPB Newsletter

President: Darryl Crofskey
Vice Pres: Margaret Johns
Secretary: Jeanette Blackburn
Treasurer:

Postal address: 4 Warborough Ave
Epsom
Auckland 1051
Ph. 09 524 7994

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I'm writing this in the HPB Office during one of the recent cold dark May nights, glad of the heating facilities of our Lodge. It does however remind me of the repairs needed to our roof. A report on this project can be read further down in this Newsletter.

The recent New Spirit Festival presented us with the challenge of presenting the ageless wisdom to the public of today. Nothing like being thrown into the public scrutiny of an open day to attempt to address perceptions on the TS symbol and the like. There can be no denying that we are in a time of change as a Society and we will have to be wise in the way we go forward in our approach over the next couple of years in terms of promulgating the wisdom teachings to a new generation.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

(Unless otherwise stated, all meetings are in the main HPB Hall, starting at 7.30pm)

Thursday 18th June Warwick Keys Co-creating With The Divine – ‘Yes We Can!’	This is a presentation about the power of united group consciousness in the form of focused meditation ‘for the good.’ It is about mind power, and about multiple choices. Can Theosophists and other interested and motivated people working as a united and focused group influence events and people for good purpose? Should we influence events and people? If so, what is the ‘How’ of the process? What has the power of meditation and prayer to do with it? This is a “Yes We Can” presentation seeking a “Yes We Will” response.
--	--

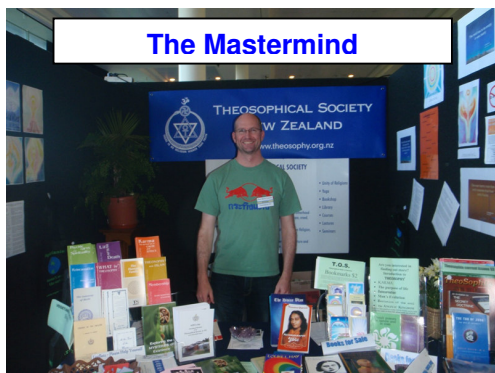
MEMBERS’ MEETINGS

Monday evenings 7:30pm Library	Research Group The Stanzas
Thursday 25 th June Thursday 23 rd July	Members’ Discussion Group ☞ led by Michelle (<i>Sufi & The Path</i>) ☞ led by Ganesh (<i>Masters & The Path</i>)

Beginning of September - **Vic Hao Chin** to visit offering a series of seminars on *self-transformation*.
.. ..and time allowing, a public lecture on the 2nd Thursday. Watch this space!



New Spirit Festival



The Mastermind

The New Spirit Festival went off well, with over 620 through the door on Sunday alone (there were no official statistics for the Saturday as admission was free.)

The preparation for our stall provided us with a focus to achieve a few things, with a new HPB brochure being designed, posters created and a new banner purchased for similar events in the future. It also provided a focus for volunteers & teamwork to rally

around - many thanks to those who helped out on the weekend with transportation and manning the stall. We received a great many enquiries and even sold a few books!



(Some of) the workers

Call to Higher Service

It is with sadness that we convey the news of the passing into higher service of our beloved Librarian and HPB committee member Dorothy Sewell.

Dorothy was the eldest of seven children, all of whom attended the Round Table in the days when Elsie Wilson ran a North Shore group. Dorothy was a long term Theosophist with an extensive history of devoted service to our Lodge and to the TS as a whole. She will not only be missed for her practical efforts in the Library, on the Committee and up at Vasanta House, but also for her warm, friendly energy... and her expertise at getting bargains on Trade-Me! It was always good to see her friendly face behind the Library counter as our liaison with the public. Our deepest love and sympathy to Robert, and to Dorothy's family.

With much love and remembrance of days past, we also note that Edna Eatson transitioned to higher planes on 27th May. Edna was another long time member of HPB Lodge, and past member of the HPB Committee both as Committee member and as Treasurer. She was also a dedicated Study Course leader for quite some years (with Bob Randall). She moved to Taupo some years ago to spend time with her daughter who was suffering from cancer. After her daughter's death, Edna stayed to assist with the raising of her family. Another server of her fellow travellers, Edna was an unassuming, gentle, giving person who will be missed by those of us who served alongside her in the past. Our loving thoughts are with her family and friends.

Re-roofing Update

The Committee has secured a firm quote for the repairs to the roof, but a temporary cover will have to be erected during the repairs, and the books in the Reference Library either removed or securely covered, while the main roofing is being replaced. The extra costs for this temporary cover will bring the all inclusive final figure to nearer \$60,000 than the original \$50,000 estimated. We could say "it never rains but it pours", but prefer not to go down that line of thought!

The Committee is inclined towards the idea that we secure the present "damaged part" properly and try and wait until the worst of the winter weather has passed, then have a concentrated effort to get it done as fast as possible. We will keep you informed of any changes to decisions.

Our grateful thanks to those who have already made donations towards costs - if you feel able to help please send your donation to: *The Treasurer, 4 Warborough Ave, Epsom, Auckland 1050*

LIBRARY & BOOKSHOP

Johanna Vroegop, manager of the Bookshop, has also become our new Librarian, and has already managed to round up enough volunteers to open the Library extra days!

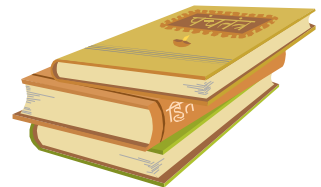
- Would you like the Library to be open more often?
- Would you like to help in the Library?

If so, please contact Johanna on ph.8177097 or email: johannav@orcon.net.nz

New library Hours

11:30am to 2:00pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday

10:00am to 12:30pm Saturday



Book Shop

AT THE SIGN OF THE SQUARE AND COMPASS by Geoffrey Hodson

[hardcover] \$30

Through allegory and symbol incorporated in the rituals, Masonry presents instruction and teaching about the human journey from a state of ignorance to that of an illumined, unitary consciousness. It seeks to inspire its members to build an ideal human society based on brotherly love, charity and truth.

As a clairvoyant, deep student of Theosophy and a Mason, Geoffrey Hodson provides valuable information about the esoteric significance of Masonic ceremonies and how it helps to elevate the human consciousness step by step. He deals with many aspects of the free Masonic work in this book and thus it serves as a guide for inquirers and students alike. A glossary of key words increases the value of this work.