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HPB Lodge Cleaning

Have you ever wondered about how our Lodge stays so clean and in reasonable repair? It is thanks to the ministrations of Robert from Vasanta House, in conjunction with our own caretaker, Val White. Robert usually keeps an eye on the everyday cleanliness of our Hall, while the keen eye of Val spots any areas that need the attention of the Committee. Thanks to Val's vigilance the Committee is able to attend to any areas of concern reasonably promptly.

However for the next month there is going to be a slight change to these arrangements: **Dorothy and Robert will be away on a much anticipated holiday, returning early August ... ie there is going to be a gap in the personnel in charge of the basic wellbeing of our Lodge.** While hall users are generally very good about leaving the hall clean and tidy, (it is part of the conditions of use for "outside" groups,) we ask that as members, you also make a particular effort during this time to assist in this process. Should you notice a problem, please notify the Committee immediately via the phone number or email noted at the top/bottom of this Newsletter.



What's On...?

12th July, 7.30pm, HPB Hall

Foundations of Sufism – Robert Shariff

We live in a troubled world of poor communication and intolerant, extremist behaviour. World peace and harmony will only occur as a result of understanding and tolerance. You can be an important cog in the development of such steps towards world peace. Come and hear Robert's Introduction to Islam.

16th August, HPB Hall

Winter Warmer for Members: Food for the Body, Mind and Soul!!

6.30 pm - (Vegetarian) Pot Luck dinner with a large pot of delicious soup for starters

7.30pm - an introduction to our new organ by a talented organist

7.45pm - a discussion linking music and theosophy

8.30pm - delicious dessert

Come and experience the warmth of good food, good company - and hear the beautiful music of the organ which Wayne Brodeur has gifted so generously to our Lodge



Study Class: Monday nights

Module 3 28th May to 25th June - *The Purpose of Man, the Spiritual Life, the Path and the Masters*

This module takes a look at the spiritual journey of man. Do we have a purpose in life and what is it? What are the different stages on the human journey? What is it about the spiritual life that attracts people and what does the spiritual life demand of us in terms of behaviour etc? What is the spiritual Path, how do you find it and what are its various stages? Who are the Masters, what are their functions and what evidence is there for their existence? The TS viewpoint on these topics will be explored.

Module 4 16th July to 13th August - *The Devas*

Who are the Devas (Angels), what types are there and what is their purpose? We look at areas in which Devas are operating, which we usually do not appreciate, such as in healing, in music and in nature. The work of Geoffrey Hodson and his communication with the Devas will be discussed and we also look at the relationship between Man and the Devas.

Please note that on Monday 2nd July and Monday 9th July, there are no classes due to the school holidays.

SNIPPETS



Convention update: 7 months to go!

We are looking forward to our celebration of the life of Geoffrey Hodson. As the host Lodge, we have a certain number of tasks to fulfill...if you wish to volunteer to be part of this exciting, vibrant, auspicious occasion, we will be calling for helpers soon.....

..... .Watch This Space!!

Members' Meetings

We are wishing to reinstate this valuable time for members. Recently we asked who would be interested – you replied you would! Now we need your ideas for topics and speakers.... hpbsec@theosophy.org.nz We are entering the “busy” time of the year for Hall use, so August members' meetings will be scheduled for slightly different times. Instead of the usual 4th Thursday of the month, please note on your calendar: **August 16th : Musical evening** & **August 30th : John Vorstermans** (National President) **“Down the Rabbit Hole”** (See August Newsletter for details)

Latest addition to our Hall

Have you noticed the recent changes and new addition in our main hall? Courtesy of a generous donation by Wayne Brodeur, HPB Lodge is now the owner of a magnificent 1984, double keyboard Baldwin electronic organ. If you are an organist, now is the time to come forward!

A word or 2 of warning however – the organ has many “tabs” in place of more modern organ “stops”, and as these are rather fragile, it would be appreciated if children and the organ didn't have close encounters!!

Likewise, because of potential damage to its beautiful woodwork, please ensure that it is NOT used as a resting place for coffee cups and the like!



Joan Patterson Scooter

Thanks to the bequest from Joan Patterson several years ago, HPB Lodge has a Mobility Scooter available for loan to a needy TS member. Could you, or a member you know, benefit from this scooter? eg to use to go to the shops, around the local area, visit neighbours.... While the cold, wet weather of winter is definitely here, we hope there will be one or two fine spells when the scooter would allow a joy ride or two! And for the hardy, there is wet weather gear available!! The Committee suggests a 6 month loan – renewable if no one else needs it.

Fire The Grid!

Help heal the Earth with a simple joy-centered meditation on **Tuesday 17th July** with 1000's of others worldwide. Details and uplifting story on, www.firethegrid.com .

BOOKSHOP

THEOSOPHICAL ENCYCLOPEDIA - edited by Philip S Harris

This groundbreaking work has just arrived in the bookshop. It is the most comprehensive source of information on theosophical knowledge covering theosophical concepts and terms, the major religions of the world including their scriptures and the biographies of founders and major personalities, history of the Theosophical Society and its branches worldwide, including offshoot independent societies and organizations, biographies of eminent theosophists, eastern and western philosophies and the biographies of major philosophers, parapsychology, psychical research and the history of spiritualism, psychology, indigenous and ancient religions, mysticism and spiritual practices, and esoteric movements, their founders, history and teachings. It contains more than 1200 articles by 110 eminent contributors around the world and was more than 15 years in preparation. The most complete single sourcebook of its kind, it contains an extensive index of important names and terms mentioned in the Encyclopedia. This volume is the most complete source of biographical information of historical personages connected with the theosophical movement, as well as the history of national organizations and their leaders around the world, past and present. It includes photographs and illustrations.

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