



# *Hamilton Lodge of the Theosophical Society*

February 2008

Greetings, members and friends,

**100 years!**

Our Lodge became an Incorporated Society on 1 December 1908, and we hope to celebrate our Centennial in a number of ways, leading up to a very special function at the end of the year. We hope 2008 will be special in the best way for all of you. Our six-week course this year will focus on the pioneers of the Theosophical Society during April and May.

Many of you will by now have heard that our vice-president, Charles Sitwell, is in hospital having undergone major abdominal surgery. By the time you read this newsletter Charles will be convalescing, probably outside Hamilton. Our thoughts and prayers are with him.

## **Teaser**

Ann sat at a square table with the drivers of a bus, a van and a truck. She sat on Tania's left, and Pat sat on the van driver's right. If Alison, who sat opposite Tania, is not the truck driver, who drives the bus?

## **February Programme**

### **10 February**

#### **Picnic**

We start the year as usual with our picnic. These have been most enjoyable times in recent years and we do hope you can make it. This year the picnic will start at about 5 p.m. at Hamilton (Rose) Gardens between the car park and the band rotunda. Go to entrance number 2 on Cobham Drive (opposite Grey St.), but remember that if coming from Cobham Bridge you need to go on to the roundabout, returning to the entrance (see map at top).

### **17 February**

#### **Geoffrey Hodson, We Presume**

Our programme of talks this year starts as usual with a report from our delegates to the National Convention, Tim Sitwell and Vicki Pennington. They will play some most interesting excerpts from the talks given on the life and work of Geoffrey Hodson who put New Zealand on the map in Theosophical circles.

**24 February** (Pot-luck meal 6 p.m. All members welcome; please bring a plate.)

#### **The Magic of Magic Squares**

For his presidential address, Brian will talk about the history and romance of magic squares, including how to make them up for all possible sizes. The talk is designed to inform and entertain.

## **Subscriptions**

No one likes to be reminded, but some of our members who prefer to leave payment till the New Year have a tendency to forget! Subs are \$35 (\$45 for a couple). Please either bring along to a meeting or post to Peter, our Treasurer, at the Lodge.

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## On Change

Life is either a daring adventure or nothing. To keep our faces towards change and behave like free spirits in the presence of fate is strength undefeatable.

Helen Keller

YOU MUST BE THE CHANGE YOU WISH TO SEE IN THE WORLD

Mahatma Gandhi

With kind regards from your Committee: Brian, Carmel, Charles, Peter, Tim, Una and Vicki.

### Programme for February 2008

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| <b>17 Feb.</b> | <b>Geoffrey Hodson, We Presume</b>                          | Tim and Vicki |
| <b>24 Feb.</b> | <b>The Magic of Magic Squares</b><br>(Pot luck meal 6 p.m.) | Brian         |

The Lodge normally meets on Sundays at 7.30 p.m.

Teaser solution: Since Alison sits opposite Tania she is on Ann's left. Pat is opposite Ann, so Tania drives the van. Alison is therefore the bus driver.