



HAMILTON LODGE
OF THE
THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
73 Anglesea Street
Newsletter for November 2009

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Greetings to all our Members

As you should all be aware the month started with our AGM on 1st Nov. This was advised in our September Newsletter and was also advertised. There were a few changes as you will see from the heading of this Newsletter. Tim Sitwell is now the President and Vicki Pennington the Secretary. For those of you who are into texting on mobile phones, Tim is proficient in this occult art. It is unfortunate that this Newsletter is late due to a combination of the Editor being unwell and a Computer crash. Murphy's law is alive and well! However the rest of the month has some goodies for you.

Programme:

On second **Sunday, Nov 8th**, one of our members with a science background, **Barry Cope**, is going to give us a talk on **"Remembering Darwin and What We Owe Him"**. This year is the bicentenary of Charles Darwin's birth and only a few people still cause controversy so long after their life time as he does.

The following **Sunday 15th** we welcome **Margaret Coldham-Fussell**, from the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies at the University of Waikato to our platform. On this occasion Marg's title is **"The Hero Within: the Journey of the Self"** of which she says: "Drawing on the work of Carl Jung, Joseph Campbell, Otto Rank, Carol Pearson and others, I will be investigating the relevance and significance of mythic archetypes in the contemporary world. My aim is to explore the idea of our own 'personal myth', and discover how we can recognise particular universal motifs (particularly that of the 'hero' figure) within

our own lives." Don't miss this one!

Within the Theosophical Society, as most of you know, we have three occasions or special days: Adyar Day, White Lotus Day and **Founders Day**. The last named is on 17th November and marks the anniversary of the inaugural meeting of the Society. We usually have a few readings from the records of the time (which relate some remarkable events and phenomena), with discussion centred around those events and what resulted. So **Sunday 22nd** will be an "in reminiscent mood" evening.

Our fifth **Sunday 29th** will be a combined event by **Kathy Stokes and Carmel Levick** with the title of **"Faeries Revisited"**. The Deva, Elemental and/or Angelic kingdom is always a source of fascination and has prompted a wide range of stories from the serious to the moral, to the fantastic and the world of fantasy, from Celtic Mythology to Geoffrey Hodson, from Edmond Spencer's "Faery Queen" to Tolkien and from the Brothers Grimm to Hans Anderson.

As there are only two weeks of Programme in December we usually combine November and December in one Newsletter, so unless there is something outstanding to communicate, this will be the last Newsletter for the year.

The talk on **6th Dec** will look at the various aspects of the **Summer Solstice, Yultide and Saturnalia and Christmas**. The following week **Sunday 13th** we will have a **Social** to wind up the year with a **Christmas Pot Luck** at 6:00 and then a relaxed evening of entertainment provided by those willing to share and who can contribute!

Some random thoughts...

Following the AGM there will only remain 53 meditating days to Christmas. That is for those who do meditate daily! By all accounts the Family Camp at Wanganui was highly successful with about thirty people attending.

Convention 2009/2010 will be from Friday, Jan 8th 2010 to Wed 13th Jan 2010 in Napier. It is always a good opportunity to meet other members from all over New Zealand as well as one or two from overseas. Being a Delegate is only of significance in the business session and for many that is the least important part of Convention, although it is of course the excuse for holding Convention and organisationally important. So if you want a few days holiday with good food and fellowship why not give it a try?

Transport:

There is lighted parking available at the back of the building, as well as at the front.

If you need transport to get to 73 Anglesea St, let us know and we will arrange to get you to and from the meeting.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

IT SEEMS THAT WHEN MEN BECOME
DESPERATE THEY CONSULT THE GODS.
AND WHEN THE GODS BECOME
DESPERATE THEY TELL LIES.

THE DALAI LAMA

With best wishes from your Committee: Tim Sitwell, Carmel Levick, Peter Marley, Aroon Parshotam, Bronwyn Llewellyn, Una Tasker, Vicki Pennington, Suzanne Wood, Barry Cope.

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Programme summary for Nov/Dec 2009

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| Sunday 1 st Nov | Hamilton Lodge |
| 7:30 pm | Annual General Meeting |
| Sunday 8 th | Remembering Darwin and What
We Owe Him |
| 7:30 pm | Barry Cope |
| Sunday 15 th | The Hero Within: the Journey
of the Self |
| 7:30 pm | Margaret Coldham-Fussell |
| Sunday 22 nd | Readings and discussion
celebrating TS Founders Day |
| 7:30 pm | |
| Sunday 29 th | Faeries Revisited |
| 7:30 pm | Kathy Stokes and Carmel Levick |
| Sunday 6 th Dec | The Solstice and its associations
Charles Sitwell |
| Sunday 13 th Dec | End of Year Social. |

All Lodge meetings are followed by light supper. Members of the Public are encouraged to make a gold coin donation in the box provided.