

MAY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1	2	3	4 1.30pm AGM 4pm LAM RIM
5	6	7 HIGHEST YOGA TANTRA	8	9	10	11 10am INTRO 4pm LAM RIM
12	13	14 HIGHEST YOGA TANTRA	15	16	17	18 10am INTRO 4pm LAM RIM
19	20	21 HIGHEST YOGA TANTRA	22	23	24	25 10am INTRO 4pm LAM RIM
26	27	28 HIGHEST YOGA TANTRA	29	30	31	

JUNE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
30						1 10am INTRO 4pm LAM RIM
2	3	4 HIGHEST YOGA TANTRA	5	6	7	8 10am INTRO NO LAM RIM
9	10	11 NO CLASS	12 HHM TEACHING IN SYDNEY	13	14	15 NO CLASSES
16	17	18 HIGHEST YOGA TANTRA	19	20	21	22 4pm LAM RIM
23	24	25 NO CLASS	26	27	28 RETREAT	29 NO CLASSES (RETREAT)



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TIBETAN BUDDHIST SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

NEW TEMPLE NEARLY COMPLETED

Our new temple is now completed, and only requires work to be done on the outside such as installing more ornaments, pathways, landscaping, reticulation etc.

Over Easter instead of our usual meditation retreat, we did a work retreat to clean the building.

Although we (Herne Hill residents) have spent most of the weekends this year cleaning up after the contractors, it has always been a building site. However, this weekend it was detail cleaning of the "temple". About forty people worked all day Saturday polishing windows (the gompa alone has about 30 windows and glass doors), cleaning and polishing floors, scraping paint from where it shouldn't be, dusting the altar and marble floor, dusting and cleaning the kitchen and new equipment, and digging dirt in preparation for the laying of the pathways. On Sunday about 25 people returned and did the final cleaning. Many thanks to all those who worked so tirelessly and to the catering team who kept us well fed.

The actual gompa is breathtaking in its beauty, and yet it is still without the holy objects which will really transform it.

We will shortly begin to move the statues and other holy objects into the temple as soon as the lion throne is completed. Then the task will begin to consecrate the statue, after filling it with the millions of mantras which have been rolled by Ineke and her dedicated team over the last three years.

AGM POSTPONED TO MAY 4, 1.30 PM

In our last newsletter the AGM was to be held in April, however we have postponed this until Sunday 4th May as Les and I are going away for a ten day holiday between the terms. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

All financial members are welcome. Our membership year runs until October each year, so if you have not paid since November 2007 you will not be a current member. You may renew membership on the day of the AGM, prior to the meeting.

If undeliverable please return to:
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TEACHING PROGRAMME

Term Two commences Sunday 4th May

Term Three commences Sunday 27th July

Graduated Path to Enlightenment Sundays

4pm–5.30pm

This regular class which Les has been teaching on Tuesday evenings, will now move to Sunday afternoons, commencing 4th May. As we will be travelling to Sydney for His Holiness Dalai Lama's teachings on the Stages of Meditation there will be no classes on 8th June or 15th June.

Meditation

Once the temple is fully operating, and after the Vajrayogini retreat, we will also hold another teaching session from 2–3pm dedicated to pursuing different meditation practices. Commencing Term 3.

Introduction to Tibetan Buddhism and Meditation

Commencing Sunday 11th May

Five week course Sunday mornings 10am–12.30pm

Highest Yoga Tantra meditation and teaching

Commences Wednesday 7th May, 7.30pm

This class will change to Tuesday in Term 3 after the Vajrayogini retreat.

Vajrayogini retreat and Fire Puja

3 weeks from 28th June Initiation required.

This will commence Saturday 28th June, and conclude on Saturday 19th July with a fire puja. Please email Marg for more details of cost, accommodation etc. Please note accommodation is allocated in order of registration, so be early.

MEMBERS' LIBRARY

We note that a large number of books are well overdue from our library. Please check your bedside tables and bookshelves and return any to us. You may like to drop them off in the letterbox (in a plastic bag) if you are not regularly attending classes – no questions will be asked, and all will be forgiven.

We prefer to use membership fees to increase the stock, rather than replace missing items, so please do a check if you think there is a possibility you are guilty.

We prefer you return the book voluntarily rather than us sending you an overdue notice.

TUSHITA PUBLICATIONS

Essence of the Path to Enlightenment

The concepts of Tibetan Buddhism are explained in this clear and concise introductory book, presenting the central principles behind the Buddhist way of life and what it means to be a Buddhist. \$50

Meditations on the Path to Enlightenment

The meditations on the path to enlightenment are presented in an accessible and inspiring way in this book. \$75

Path to Enlightenment in Tibetan Buddhism

A complete, step-by-step guide and extensive explanation of all the stages of the Buddhist path leading to enlightenment. \$120

The Fundamental Potential for Enlightenment

This book explains the fundamental nature of the mind and its potential for enlightenment. It includes an extensive explanation of the state of a Buddha. \$49

The following four books are only available to those with highest yoga tantra initiation.

Ocean of Indivisible Method and Wisdom

A unique and authentic guide by a highly qualified tantric master to the practices of Solitary Hero Yamantaka. \$120



Prayers for the Path of Indivisible Great Bliss and Emptiness

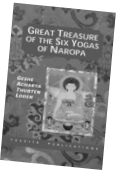
Compiled and translated by Geshe Acharya Thubten Loden this book brings together for the first time in one edition all the major prayers and sadhanas compiled and translated into English by Geshe Loden. \$100

Path to the Union of Clear Light and Illusory Body

A complete explanation of the tantric practice of Vajrayogini, this book provides detailed instruction on the eleven generation stages and the completion stage practices. \$140

Great Treasure of the Six Yogas of Naropa

An explanation of the advanced highest yoga tantra practices in Tibetan Buddhism, this book also provides an explanation of the foundation practices needed for these. \$150



FORTHCOMING BOOK

Great Treasury of Mahamudra

Geshe Loden is currently working on his ninth book, *Great Treasury of Mahamudra*, an extensive explanation of highest yoga tantra mahamudra and its comparison to the mahamudra system set out in the sutra approach.

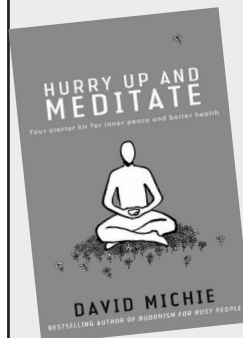
Books available from our Centre. If you would like the books posted, please add \$10.

NEW BOOK BY DAVID MICHIE

Hurry Up and Meditate is the title of David Michie's new book.

For anyone who wants to start meditating but has been struggling to get to the cushion, this thought-provoking and entertaining book provides the impetus to overcome all excuses like too busy, too hard, don't know how, and explains the nuts and bolts of how to meditate.

Available soon at \$19.95 in book stores, or immediately in our own bookshop where 50% of the cover price goes towards the new temple.



MELBOURNE INITIATIONS AND RETREAT

Initiations – 27 and 28 September

Venerable Geshe Acharya Thubten Loden will give initiations into the Highest Yoga Tantra practices of Yamantaka and Vajrayogini.

Yamantaka Retreat – 29 September to 12 October

Gift Vouchers

We now have available Gift Vouchers which are very attractively presented and can be for any amount over \$20. They may be redeemed against a course or books, or anything else we sell such as cushions, etc. People have been giving them as gifts for our Introduction courses (\$100).