



Sakya Thubten Ling

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Lama Thubten Nyima

Welcome to our Summer newsletter.

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Lama Jamyang Lekshey

His Holiness Sakya Trizin Golden Jubilee Celebration

The celebrations to mark the 50 year leadership of the Sakya order by His Holiness culminate with a Grand Long Life Ceremony in Lumbini on 25th November. Lumbini in Nepal is the birthplace of Buddha Shakyamuni and the event to take place will be in conjunction with the Great Annual Sakya Monlam Gathering for World Peace. Attendees will include all high Sakya lamas, Sangha and lay devotees from around the world. 6,000 to 7,000 people are expected to attend and every Sakya Centre has been invited to send representatives.

It is suggested that those members of the STL wishing to attend and travel as a group might visit for a fortnight from Saturday 21st November to Saturday 5th December, taking a flight to Katmandu at a cost presently advertised at £599 return per person. Two days at each end of the visit should be allowed for travel. After the ceremony in Lumbini the opportunity might be taken to visit some of the Buddhist pilgrimage sites in Nepal and Northern India.

Lama Lekshey has said he would be happy to go with us if possible but if not he will arrange for someone to guide the tour. We are currently looking at what sites might be

Chairman's Message

It has now been five years since our Lama, the Venerable Lama Jamyang Lekshey, officially opened our Centre.

Since then, we have been fortunate to have received numerous visits from Lama Lekshey and Lama Thubten as well as hosting the Lamdre Teachings from His Holiness the Sakya Trizin and His Eminence Ratna Vajra and the Twenty one Taras initiations from Her Eminence Jetsun Kushok.

Many newcomers have attended the Centre, many of whom have become members and supporters.

Financially, we have reduced our mortgage from £90,000 to £60,000. However, in these difficult economic times, we need continuing financial support to reduce the mortgage further, upkeep on the Centre and to request further visits from our Sakya Masters whose travel and living expenses we need to service whilst they are our guests.

Please consider becoming a member by making a monthly standing order or, if you are already a member, consider increasing your contribution a little, if possible. This option is particularly beneficial for the STL as we are able to recoup

visited.

For further details please contact Rich or Sue Sedgley on 01202 483110 or email richnsue51@btinternet.com

further monies through the Gift Aid Declaration scheme from taxpaying donors.

Thank you and may we all continue to benefit ourselves and others in our Centre's ongoing success.

Vedant White
May 2009

Provisional for the visit of His Eminence Gyana Vajra Rinpoche



His Eminence Gyana Vajra Rinpoche is a senior lineage holder of the Sakya Order of Tibetan Buddhism, and the younger son of His Holiness Sakya Trizin, the head of our Sakya lineage. We have invited His Eminence to the Sakya Thubten Ling and we hope he will agree to bestow Green Tara, Manjushri and Vajrasattva Empowerments and possible public talk early next year.

Tara Puja

We are in the process of learning to practice Tara Puja and hope to be confident enough by the autumn. If you have experience of Tara Puja and would like to contribute to our learning, please contact Sue Sedgley. You need to have taken Green Tara Empowerment.

Summer Clean-Up

Time to get the rubber gloves and gardening clothes on! The summer clean-up is on

9th July. 5 pm onwards.

Take the opportunity to meet informally and have refreshments afterwards.

We need to spruce up the garden (thanks to who has already put in lots of time mending the planters) and sort out the paperwork as well as clean the shrine and shrine room.

Programme

SUNDAYS 6 - 7.30 pm

INTRODUCTORY BUDDHIST TEACHINGS AND MEDITATION. EVERYONE WELCOME

WEDNESDAYS 7.30-9pm

MEDITATION EVENING - EVERYONE WELCOME

THURSDAYS 9.30-11am

MEDITATION - EVERYONE WELCOME

SUGGESTED DONATION £5 - CONCESSIONS £2.50

THE CENTRE WILL CLOSE ON 31/07/09 TO 08/09/09

VAJRAYANA PRACTICE: GREEN TARA AND MEDICINE BUDDHA Alternate Tuesdays (Tara always first Tuesday of the month). *For those who have taken the Empowerments only.* 7.30pm

The times have **CHANGED** for **CHANTING SESSIONS**: On the First Friday of every month we are learning to Chant together, using recordings from Lama Lekshey. Come and give it a try between 6.30 and 7.30 pm - *recordings of chantings for use during the sessions welcome.*