



NEWSLETTER OF THE OXFORD ZEN CENTRE AND JIZO LONDON ZEN CENTRE

Kaidan-in (right) - the ordination hall of Enryakuji Temple on Mount Hiei, Japan. Zen masters Dogen and Eisai were both ordained as Tendai monks here before going off to found what would become the Soto and Rinzaï lineages. Both these lineages were behind the formation of the Sanbo Kyodan (later Sanbo Zen) in the mid-20th century.

Editorial

Welcome to the first issue of the new Newsletter for the Oxford and Jizo Zen Centres. The newsletter is designed to keep Sangha members up to date with news and events from both Oxford, London and beyond. *For any relevant news or events please contact simon.roffey@me.com*

Upcoming Events

Friday December 8th - Yaza - the night celebrating the Buddha's enlightenment. Arrive 7.45 for 8pm (snack and rest: 11.30pm, breakfast: 4.30am. Please bring sleeping bags!

Sesshin, Tuesday 9th - Sunday 14th January at the Carmelite Priory, Boars Hill, Oxford. This sesshin provides a wonderful opportunity to sit with Sandy Chubb and Gundula Meyer Roshi, one of the only two Sanbo Zen Authentic Zen Masters. She has been teaching for 30 years, and is our most experienced Zen Teacher in Europe. A rare and special treat for her to come and lead Sesshin!

For details of forthcoming sesshins, both in the UK and abroad, please visit the website.



News

- The late Summer saw the completion of the new Zendo at Mortimer Drive. An Opening Ceremony was conducted on the evening of the 21st September (r) and was very well attended and accompanied by snacks, green tea and chanting!



- **Kenshukai 2017** was in the Philippines and was rich in content and had about 40 people in attendance.

- In August, Meg, John Chubb and Sandy went to Ohof in Germany to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the founding of the **Ohof Zendo** by Gundula Meyer (who also had her 80th birthday). Over 140 people attended.



- **Sanbo Zen Membership.**

Members, especially those working on Koans, are encouraged to join. The website offers both Teishos and articles. Membership also means that you can attend any Sanbo Zen Zendo, including San'un in Kamakura. To join, visit here: <http://www.sanbo-zen.org>