



NEWSLETTER OF THE OXFORD ZEN CENTRE AND JIZO LONDON ZEN CENTRE

Jizo Bodhisattva (Sanskrit: Ksitigarbha) from a cemetery in Kyoto, Japan (right). Jizo is one of the most important Bodhisattvas in Zen and is often associated with protecting women and is also the guardian of children, especially those recently deceased. He carries a staff and a wish-fulfilling jewel to guide and light the Way.

Editorial

Welcome to the latest issue of the new Newsletter for the Oxford and Jizo Zen Centres. The newsletter is designed to both connect, and to keep Sangha members up to date with news and events from both Oxford, London and beyond. For any relevant news or events or if you have an image or poem to submit for consideration please contact simon.roffey@me.com

Upcoming Events

Koan Study Day- Saturday 14 April- from 10 am to 4 pm led by Sandy and Meg at Mortimer Drive. **All welcome!**

North American Sanbo Zen Sesshin in Mountain Cloud, Santa Fe **29 April- 4 May.** Apply: henryshukman@gmail.com

Oxford Open Mornings for New Sitters and Sangha members at Mortimer Drive **Saturday 28 April and Saturday 30 June**

Saturday Zazenkai 26 May 10am – 4pm led by Sandy and Meg at **Meditatio, London**

Summer Sesshin, 17 July – 22 July at the Carmelite Priory, Boars Hill, Oxford. Led by Sandy

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



News

- The winter witnessed the installation of the wonderful new *shoji* screens at the Zendo, Mortimer Drive (right).

- In February Sandy Chubb attended the European German Teachers' Meeting. Whilst in Germany, Zen teacher Stefan Sachs gave her a CD of old Kyosho Magazines with Yamada Koun Roshi teishos and later ones by Yamada Ryouin Roshi - from 1973 to 2017. Stefan has prepared this as a resource. The early ones are no longer on the Sanbo Zen website. (CD copies will be made available soon at Oxford and London, priced £3).

- And finally, a poem for Spring... *'In the assemblies of the enlightened ones there have been many cases of mastering the Way bringing forth the heart of plants and trees; this is what awakening the mind for enlightenment is like. The fifth patriarch of Zen was once a pine-planting wayfarer; Rinzai worked on planting cedars and pines on Mount Obaku... Working with plants, trees, fences and walls, if they practice sincerely they will attain enlightenment.'* Dogen Zenji, *Awakening the Unsurpassed Mind*

