

PROGRAMMES COMMITTEE REPORT October 2023

It has been some time since our last report, which was June.
Here is a brief summary of what has been going on in the programme.

July, August, September, October Programme:

- July had a few weekend retreats, including the AGM and one longer retreat, being Mira's Western Mysteries.
- August very similar with all weekend retreats.
- September had the one week long retreat. The long solo retreats began this month with Bonni, Matthew and Mark. Life as it is was at the end of the month leading in to October.
- In October Brandon, Jane, Graham and Iain began solo retreats. It was noted by some that there was a potent feeling of deep calm at the centre. Wonderful! Bonni led a 5 day retreat in the middle of October. A new retreat with "Kindred " (Nelson based) will be running on the last weekend of this month.

Retreats coming up in November, December:

- Brandon is running a weekend retreat on the 3rd of November.
- Zen retreat on the 10th.
- Tessa Meeks (Yoga) one week from the 20th.
- December has a one week retreat with Bonni, one week with YAR and GOM begins on the 28th.

Cancellations:

- Mark's Chenrezig retreat in July (low registrations)
- John Massey's retreat in August (one registration)
- Don't just do something, sit there, cancelled in September.
- "Cultivating Calm" cancelled in October. Also Chani's retreat was cancelled. Bonni took this space for the "Teacher, Mentor, Spiritual Friend, Guru" retreat. Jakob Leschly cancelled and was replaced with Kindred Studio and Brandon.
- Jamie Howell cancelled his ReWild retreat and Tessa Meeks has taken up some of this space.

Looking forward to 2025

We have had some discussion around encouraging Namgyal lineage teachers to come to the centre and, if so, this may require looking forward at least 2 years in regards to formulating the programme. For example, some people after the Namgyal weekend expressed their wish for Terry and Mala to return to the centre.

We will explore this early next year.

Many thanks for all you do.

Karen, Matthew and Georgia.

