

The AHPP Page

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First of all I'd like to thank all of you who contributed to a 70th birthday present for John Rowan. We collected a good sum, but rather than buy John something he didn't want or need, we decided to give him the collection in cash – in fact in pound coins, so that he could go away and count it, making it more tangible than a boring old cheque! I hope that John will treat himself to something he really will enjoy – maybe he can tell us what at the next General Meeting.

The External Moderator for AHPP has the task of reviewing the Complaints Procedure when either the complainant or the complained against AHPP member feels unsatisfied with the handling of the procedure. The External Moderator is not a member of AHPP, but an outsider who gives an unbiased opinion on how the complaint has been handled. Our External Moderator for AHPP, Ray Evans, who has done this task for us for years, has decided he would like to retire, and we have been looking for a new person to fill the post. Thank you Ray for your assistance in the past, and the considered way you have reported back on the complaints procedure when we needed it. We are very glad to tell you that Jane Polden, a UKCP registered psychotherapist, and a member of the Association for Group and Individual Psychotherapy, has agreed to fill this post

for us. Jane also has experience as a solicitor, which I think will bring a valuable extra perspective to the process. As I write we are intending to ask Jane to our workshop on the complaints procedure before the next General Meeting. I will keep you all informed via the next issue.

The plans for the next AHP/AHPP conference are moving forward, and we have provisionally booked Stamford Hall, at the University of Leicester, for 12th to 14th April 1996. We have decided on the title 'Drawing Together – The Art of Integration', and now need to find workshop presenters, or speakers to address this theme in all its various aspects, for practitioners and on a personal growth level. So think, not only of Art Therapy, and Humanistic and Integrative models of therapy, but of integrating Body, Mind and Spirit, and anything else you feel would be relevant to this wide-ranging subject. This is a chance for you to introduce us to someone whom you have been impressed with at another meeting, conference or workshop, and also to present your own work to fellow members. We can't guarantee you or your choice will be accepted, but we are looking for presenters. Contact Marolyn, Ian, Camilla or myself with your ideas.

Thoughts of summer and lazing about loom – enjoy your summer.