

AHPB Co-chairs' Page

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Life is changing for the better at AHPB; closer working and support from AHPP colleagues, a successful day workshop, 2010 festival plans developing well and Self and Society is on the verge of getting a new editor. We are also pleased to working closer with colleagues in AHPP. Why not become a fan of AHPB on Facebook and keep up to date?

On October 10th, AHPB hosted a successful day of workshops, talks and discussions in London. The facilitators all offered their time free, and our thanks go to Andrew Samuels, Nick Totton, Jocelyn Chaplin, Sally Hart and John Rowan for putting together a day that was seamless – by wonderful chance. Thanks to all of you who came; AHPB energy is rising. The day boosted our finances – but we are still running on a shoestring.

The Summer Festival is taking shape too; the date for your new 2010 diary is 16-18 July 2010. Our focus is the earth, and it's appropriate that we'll be at Green & Away – Europe's only tented conference centre in Worcestershire. Julian has done wonderful work in gathering a group of people together who will offer a range of experiences for the weekend, including drumming, singing and music. The experience of being there is of reconnecting with the earth and the natural world. The centre prides itself on its green credentials – it's run by volunteers, and is a model of living sustainably. Find out more at www.ahpb.org.uk

There has been real interest in the role of Editor for this journal. We are pleased to have several applicants. Alexandra Chalfont, Sue Rowan and Marolyn Burgess are co-ordinating the interview and selection process and we trust that new energy and ideas are on the way. See www.ahpb.org.uk for the latest news.

If you want to come – and we very much hope you will with friends and family – BYO tent and camping is free, for an extra charge you can hire a tent, camp bed and bedding. You can also stay in a local B&B – we can send you a list. All food and drinks are provided. See you in July 2010. There's an early discount if you book now.

We're trusting that all this activity will bear creative fruit, but it's still a challenge. Please continue to support us – donate, spread the word, join, give subs as Christmas presents. It all helps. Remember to bookmark us at www.ahpb.org.uk. And booking for the festival is available online now.