

AGM East of Scotland Iyengar Institute

Chairperson's Report 17th April 2010

Another very busy year has passed with a largely new team. Although Karen Smith is a long standing committee member she has made an important contribution to this year's Spring festivities with a new arrival Panashe Mpamhanga. Karen's son was born on 20th February and weighed in at 6lb2oz. Meanwhile ESIYI business goes on and everyone has worked really hard to achieve improvements. The two new event organisers have worked particularly hard to find new ways to deliver prestigious events in partnership with others, and the success of the Jawahar workshops gives us particular pleasure.

Yoga Events

We worked closely with Elaine Pidgeon to organise the Jawahar event, which was hosted by the Edinburgh Iyengar Yoga Centre. Places were limited to teachers and experienced students and the event sold out. Feedback has been extremely positive. Many have commented on Jawahar's in depth exploration of basic poses with simple accessible instructions. We had similar success with the Julie Anderson workshop with record numbers and another sell out. Earlier in the year Meg Laing's workshop went down well as did Penny Chaplin's PD Day which focussed on forward extensions. Richard Agar Ward's weekend workshop was also a popular event. This was aimed at a more general audience and students were given a deeper understanding not just of the Asanas but also of yoga philosophy and the internal energies that can be awakened by concentrating on the chakras. An excellent article written by one of the students appeared in the recent ESIYI Newsletter.

Steve will give us more information on exciting forthcoming events.

Membership figures are up and Marianne will also give us more information on this in her report.

The Library

With the kind agreement of Elaine Pidgeon, the books as a temporary measure, are now housed at the EIYC Bruntsfield. Liz Ballantyne and Monika Rooney have offered to catalogue the books and to work out what's valuable. Monika will be the librarian and the Committee have recommended a small charge for the loan of books which will be ploughed back into new stock.

Scottish Assessment Passes – Congratulations to you!

Intro. L 1	Annie Leonora	Boyle Coll	Pauline Neil	Hamilton McDonald	Katrina Andrew	McDonald Paine	Meg Penelope Sarah	Stiven Venning White
Intro. L 2	Alex	Gunn	Rossella	Riccoboni				
J 2	Charlotte Hill		Bonar Hutchison					
Sn. L1	Katie Rutherford							

2011 Convention

We have just heard that the 2011 Convention is to be held in Glasgow and Jawahar Bangera has been invited to run it. We look forward to seeing you there and at our many new events during 2010.

Please remember this is my final year as Chair – so you have a year to think about volunteering.....
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