

Something to be Proud Of



too. I was happy to contribute my own modest thoughts for the past few years. I was also happy to be reminded of upcoming seminars. I shall have to be more vigilant now!

It was wonderful to receive reports of seminars abroad and from teachers in far flung corners of the world. The magazine knitted the members together and newcomers were always impressed by its quality and contents. I shall miss it a lot.

Life doesn't stand still. Now we have to retrain ourselves to use the website more effectively and maybe e-mail each other more to keep in touch. All the good things that the magazine did for us we have to do for ourselves now. But the good news is that Tse Sifu will have more time to write books. There's a Chen Taiji book in the offing and it's fantastic. I'm sure there'll be many more.

For me, the magazine has been like a conference call every three months with Sifu, Simo and all my brothers and sisters report in and offer personal experiences. I don't know how other members read the magazine. I tend to dip in and read the editorials and main articles then catch up with the rest over the next few days. The magazine sits around for a couple of weeks on my coffee table before I've digested everything. Then it gets put away for a while with all the many others (I'm proud to say I have every copy). They all get pulled out occasionally – especially to check facts when a student has asked a question in class.

So farewell for a while Qi Magazine. There will be one-offs, anniversary issues etc and it will be a happy day when I hear that satisfying thud on the doormat! Until then, my heartfelt thanks to Darryl and all the others who worked so hard to maintain such a high standard and regular supply.

Over eighteen years of first class teaching and information in a first class publication. It's something to be proud of. ■

By Julian Wilde

Qi magazine came into my life in November 1991. That first small black and white issue with Grandmaster Yang Meijun on the cover anticipated the general format of all the subsequent issues.

From the beginning there was an editorial, questions and answers, articles on Dayan Gong, a potted history of Wing Chun and Chen Taiji, a diagram of acupuncture points and techniques for stimulating the organs of the head such as the ears, eyes, etc.

It was very interesting. In those days we were starved of information so the magazine was indispensable. And when the issues grew in size and began to feature full colour covers it all felt very grand and sophisticated. It's easy to take the magazine for granted as it plops

heavily onto the doormat at safe, predictable intervals but a casual leaf through the last eighteen years' worth of material reveals enormous treasures. Believe me, those of us who had to study for instructors' exams were very grateful to the back issues. We don't realise just how much the magazine extended the teaching range of Tse Sifu. It was as if he turned up at our homes once every few weeks to deliver a lecture!

And the magazine broadened the spectrum of teaching too. There were articles from non-Centre specialists and, of course, from experts within the Centre