

# Self SOCIETY

now - an update  
from the editors

This year has been successful for S&S, but it has taken its toll on your enthusiastic editors. You may have noticed issues arriving a little late, and we are currently in need of more contributions - and they could be from you! Don't leave it to others, your ideas and experience may well be just what we need.

## **Themes for issues to come include:**

**Psychiatry now**

**Fear**

**Joy, health and well-being**

**Ethics**

**Body/mind interface**

**working with families**

**Working with couples**

**Money**

**Sexuality**

If any of these strike you as interesting, get in touch - or start writing. If there are other themes you'd like to explore, think about being a guest editor and inviting others to write for you. We are also happy to receive submissions outside our planned themes.

One writer has just suggested that one issue is devoted to the fiftieth birthday of Gestalt. There will also be an issue on Europe - if you have European connections or ideas, get in touch.

## **Students' writing and centre profiles**

In the last issue we introduced work by three students of a training course, this time the Karuna Institute. If you are a student or trainer, think about gathering a collection of work. It can be prefaced by a short piece by a director.

The work doesn't necessarily have to break new ground, but can show the character of the training in a new way. Centre profiles are still welcome - contact me for details. Both of these are good ways of publicising your institute or centre.

## **Personal profiles**

Answer our questionnaire, as Tony Morris and June Green have over the last few months. Tell us your favourite books, inspirations, your beginnings in humanistic psychology in a few sentences. You don't have to be a name!

## **The Humanistic Psychology Review**

Do you want to publish longer research papers, or perhaps edited forms of dissertations? Next year one issue of *Self & Society* will be dedicated to peer reviewed pieces, longer than usual and in a more academic format. The issue will stand alone, in that it will contain no topical information. It will contain reviews of more academic books, and will be bookbound. We hope it will make an enduring record of the best of current humanistic thought in this country. Would you be interested in writing, or reviewing articles submitted? This cannot happen without support and interest.

## **New reviews editor needed**

We need a new reviews editor, to encourage more people to review books, to choose and order books and arrange for a larger section of the magazine to be filled with interesting and challenging reviews. A (very) small fee is paid. Contact Alexandra Chalfont for details.

## **Other reviews**

Book reviews do not only need to cover newly published books. If you have just come across something which may interest others - and excites you or makes you angry, think of writing about it. Or if you see a film, article, play or TV programme which is relevant, think of writing a short piece about it.

## **The 'society' part**

Many people are using their humanistic background in settings other than counselling or psychotherapy - prisons, schools, hospitals, politics - please let us know.

## **S&S in South Africa**

Maxine will be spending six months in South Africa from October 2001, teaching and working with groups and individuals - and editing S&S, including a special South African issue. If you have humanistic contacts there, please let them know - or let Maxine know how to contact them.

## **Nuts and Bolts**

Articles can be anything from 500 words to 3,500 - longer in exceptional cases. Lively conference and workshop reports are also welcome. Pictures and photos too, just make sure you have copies.

Increasingly we need to work via email and computers. If you possibly can, submit your article on disk or via email - we can read up to Word 97. It's easier to edit, harder to lose, and saves us many precious hours.

This has been a very successful year - but it can only continue that way with your support and interest.

*Maxine Linnell and Alexandra Chalfont*

*The editors apologise to Anne Williams, whose biography we omitted in the last issue: Anne Williams is completing her training in Core Process Psychotherapy at the Karuna Institute in Devon. She sees clients in private practice in Somerset and also works as a district nurse with a particular interest in palliative care.*