

Over the summer there has been quite a bit of movement one way and another at S&S. Both editors have changed address - see the inside front cover for new contact details.

The authors of two S&S columns are completing their cycle, and we are inviting new contributors.

We thank **Alix Pirani**, who has given us insightful and entertaining accounts of books she has read or re-read over the past year in 'Shelf Life'. This space now becomes available to a new author; please contact us for more information.

The regular column also awaits its next writer after **Jane Barclay** completes her stint. We thank her for her contribution in this department, and look forward to reading other pieces by her in future issues. If you have a strong individual voice which can make its humanistic mark in commenting succinctly on social, cultural, political or therapeutic issues, we would like to hear from you.

Finally, as John Buckle mentions (p45), we had to say goodbye to **Sally Forster** as administrator of AHP. A huge thank you goes to her from all of us, and I want to thank her particularly for all her support, reliability, friendliness and team spirit. In her place we welcome **Kathy Parsons**, who has just joined us. Now that Sally has done a huge amount of background consolidation work for AHP(B), we plan with Kathy's help to build up the website. Contact details for the administration remain the same as before.

Many readers have in the past let us know that they enjoy and appreciate a section dealing with ethical issues. This time S&S publishes replies to an ethical dilemma posed in the last issue by our new editor of this column, **Tony Morris**. See p42 for a new 'dilemma' and write to Tony - the column will thrive on your response.

The S&S postbag has, in time-honoured tradition, remained devoid of summer correspondence. Now that we are setting up our new garrets we would welcome post which comments on articles as well as world affairs or issues relevant for other S&S readers.

By the time this copy lands on your doormat the anniversary of 9/11 will have come and gone, with copious re-workings and re-awakenings of the trauma in all the media, and perhaps the beginning of some kind of closure in some of the ceremonies honouring and commemorating those who died. The tensions in public feeling about a possibly imminent US war on Iraq and British involvement in this eventuality will have grown. Although S&S appears

only every two-months, there is still value in readers contributing opinion on larger and smaller scale world events, without losing actuality. We thus welcome your letters as humanistically minded practitioners on current affairs and contemporary social issues.

Alexandra Chalfont



**Introducing  
Kathy Parsons**



I am delighted to have been given this opportunity to introduce myself to you as the new administrator/manager of AHP(B). Having just completed an MA in Existential Psychotherapy, I'm looking forward to working for and with the members of AHP(B).

Taking over the post at the end of June has given me time over the summer to familiarise myself with the workings and history of the Society with my initial impression that this is a lively society, attracting members from a wide and varied spectrum.

After a considerable amount of work and application by the committee, the society is now nearing the time when re-registration with the Charities Commission will be completed. Like all concerned, I hope this will herald an era when the society can clarify its direction and continue to grow. The society has much to offer – most notably the excellent *Self and Society* – but suggestions from members concerning the activities of the society are always most welcome. Please get in touch if you feel that you have any ideas for ways in which the society can grow and move forward. As my background is originally in the world of design and advertising, I certainly have some ideas of my own – for example, I hope to add a forum page to the web site, so that members can exchange views and debate. But I would be pleased to hear from any members who feel that they have ideas they would like to share.

Finally, I would like to thank Sally Forster for her invaluable help and assistance during the changeover period. I hope that, like me, you wish her much good fortune in the future.

I look forward to hearing from you all.

Kathy Parsons