



Letter to the Editor

From **Gaie Houston**

Dear Richard,

I have just read the piece about John Rowan, and remembered those early days of *Self & Society*, when Vivien Milroy, John Rowan and I, and sometimes one or two others, used to meet in Vivien's office near Borough Market, to put together the next issue of what was in those days a modest affair. Conscious of publishing the first UK humanistic journal, we tended to embroil ourselves in deep stuff about the nature of people and what all else. Vivien became so excited by our conversations that he wanted to record us and publish the transcript as the complete content of one issue. Luckily this never happened. [What a shame!... - ed.]

So John was not just a contributor from the beginning of *Self & Society*, he was there when we invented the title, and was an important part of our editorial board, a board that worked harder in those days than we are asked to now. A Chinese take-out for lunch was our fee, provided by Vivien, the then editor. It all felt very racy.

Best,
Gaie