

# Editorial

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Where to begin? Let's start with a call from Jenny Cozens way back in 1989 asking me to take on the editorship of *Changes*, journal of the Psychology and Psychotherapy Association. By then I had been the Book Reviews Editor for many years that had included moves from Lincolnshire to Slough, Boston, Ma and back to the UK – the Peak District – then Shropshire, separation and reunion with Jacqui Leal, the birth of our daughter, Harriet and editorship of *Clinical Psychology Forum*. One British Psychological Society stalwart thought that placing the future of both *Forum* and *Changes* in one person's hands would lead to less copy for *Forum*. Of course, it worked the other way round – submissions to *Changes* were often redirected to *Forum* as the latter struggled for copy, a position that eventually reversed itself as potential *Forum* papers flowed in to the extent that it moved from quarterly to bi-monthly, to monthly publication and it proved necessary to gather a group of joint editors – the *Forum Collective*.

I was handed just one article for that first *Changes*. The solution was to commission a special issue; March, 1990. Called 'The Harm that Services Do', it was something of an object lesson in how to put subscribers' and PPA members' backs up. The issue included Dave Pilgrim's interview with Jeffrey Masson, papers by Tom Szasz, Dorothy Rowe and Wolf Wolfensberger and critiques of psychiatry and electroshock by Lorraine Bell and Steve Baldwin with Yvonne Jones. Lorraine and Steve went on to join the *Forum Collective*. Tom, Dorothy, Wolf and Steve went on to meet their ancestors. The first issue heralded a name change; the journal, published by Lawrence Erlbaum became *Changes: An International Journal of Psychology and Psychotherapy* and world domination was on the agenda.

That didn't happen, though that first issue proved to be ahead of its time in its critiques of theory and praxis in the psy industry. The demise of the PPA saw the journal struggling for copy, a struggle ameliorated by commissioning further