

Editorial

With the start of volume 18, our second as editors of the journal, we are joined as newly-appointed Review Editors by Miriam Bernard and Judith Phillips.

Tony Warnes became review editor in 1987 and, by our calculation, he has ‘put to bed’ 46 sets of abstracts and reviews, concluding with those that appeared in the last edition. Tony has made a major contribution to the development of the journal over the past decade. Several hundred books have passed through his hands and, as a result, the review pages have become an invaluable resource for those coming to gerontology, either as students, postgraduate researchers or from other disciplines. He has located reviewers working in many different settings – both on the geographical and the disciplinary maps. In this way the international gerontological network has been greatly enhanced. Many of those who have written reviews will have benefited from his astute and encouraging editorship.

Tony has also worked hard to extend and develop what, over the last twelve months, we have come to think of as ‘the middle bit’ of the journal – the abstracts, review symposia, review articles and, latterly, the progress reports. The issues that have been covered have been many and varied and, as a result, we have all learnt of issues, circumstances and experiences relating to later life that we would not otherwise have considered. In partnership with Peter Coleman, he has contributed to the success of the journal in reflecting and sustaining the discipline of gerontology and in ensuring that every edition is a stimulating and illuminating read.

Tony’s place is to be filled by Miriam Bernard and Judith Phillips, members of the Centre for Social Gerontology at the University of Keele and, like Tony, they are well respected members of the British Society of Gerontology. Miriam has been an active researcher in gerontology for fifteen years, focusing on leisure, accidents, health promotion and self-health and women. She has been Course Director of the MA/Diploma course in gerontology at Keele since 1991. Judith has taught on social work and research methods courses at the University of East Anglia, undertaking research in the area of residential care, before moving to Keele in 1993. She has recently completed research in the areas of work and care, and care management. Both have experience of organising conferences and

editing associated publications, and it is in no small part due to their enterprise and commitment that Keele has become one of the few centres in the UK which has established a firm institutional base. Their students have become active participants at the conferences of the British Society of Gerontology and we anticipate an increased involvement by students, both as readers and contributors to the journal, as a result of their efforts.

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Postscript

Following the death of his wife, Dilys, Ken has reluctantly resigned as co-editor. As many correspondents know, he has worked very enthusiastically over the past eighteen months on behalf of the journal. He has been a pleasure to work with, and I am much indebted to him.

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