

Editorial

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“We are out to seek truth not win arguments.”

‘Bryan Harrison, I have given up on "Truth" It seems to have nothing to do with reality, especially here at Braziers!’ My flippant quip, the subject of some mirth in Braziers' inner hall recently, seems to counter the quote from **‘What was in their minds before Braziers?’** which I have embraced as a title for this attempt at an editorial.

This edition of **‘Research Communications’** contains documents penned by different authors at different locations and times that will be of use to any student of the history of Braziers Park School of Integrative Social Research, as well as being engagingly written and fascinating accounts of our recent past for the casual reader. Most are clearly referenced from archived documents and tell parallel tales - a concordance that may well be deemed “Truth”.

‘What was in their minds before Braziers?’, **‘Norman Glaister and Sensory Process before the founding of Braziers Park’** and **‘Friends of the Future’** all cover the union of pre-Braziers groups, and the conception. Sensory Summer School confinement and subsequent birth of Braziers Park School of Integrative Social Research.

Evelyn Woodcock's Glaister Lecture **‘John Woodcock and Braziers’** effectively spans the period that culminated in the puberty and then almost wanton willingness of the School to partner with the now present 'friendly' groups of the 1950's future.

Two reports, one on **‘My Week in Braziers’**, and the other on three years as Director at Braziers, **‘Braziers Park A Brief Account 2004 to 2007’** are not as clear yet. They are undoubtedly individual truths, containing accounts that will engage and fascinate our future friends. Their greater truth, awaits independent parallel documentation. (I am tempted to point out that more women than men founded Braziers Park School of Integrative Social Research; Wilfred Trotter died in 1939 and that the Committee of Management of 2006 publicly commended the action of the Committee of Management in 2005, and insisted on the disciplinary conditions that were issued being met.)

"What was obvious to Norman Glaister" John Woodcock writes in **‘Research Communications 15’**, (p. 18) "was that different people have limited but unique perceptions of reality, and only a symbiotic mix of their differences will suffice to take us safely into an ever more complex future.... How, we might ask ourselves, is this inter-personal symbiosis to be brought about?... Another topic for yet a further weekend."

May Braziers Park host many further weekends, with Integrative Social Research as our homework!

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