In 1968, following Krishnamurti’s break with Krishnamurti Writings Inc, a new office was needed to care for publishing work and to keep people informed of the dates of his public talks. Krishnamurti Foundation London, later Krishnamurti Foundation Trust, was registered as a charity for this purpose. Mary Cadogan, who had been the European agent for KWInc, became the first Secretary of the new charitable trust. She opened a small office in Beckenham near London to administer the foundation work. Mary and two assistants organised the sale and distribution of publications and recordings of the talks and discussions.

At that time Krishnamurti was mainly giving talks in California, Switzerland, England and India. In order to inform the public of these events, in 1968 the foundation published its first bulletin listing the dates when the meetings would take place. In 1984, the distribution of tapes and books was taken on by staff at Brockwood and in 1987, after the opening of the foundation office in the new Krishnamurti Centre, all of the work that had been going on in Beckenham was moved to Brockwood Park.
In addition to the speaking schedules, the bulletins often had short pieces written by Krishnamurti. He also occasionally wrote something about Brockwood Park School. Another important feature of the bulletins was the listing of the names and addresses of the many centres throughout the world organised over the years by those interested in the talks and publications. Several of these committees arranged for translation and publication of the books then being regularly published by Gollancz in England and Harper in New York.

After Krishnamurti died in 1986, the bulletins continued to publish information about presentations of video recordings of the talks and discussions. Since the opening of the Krishnamurti Centre, KFT has been including in the bulletins the dates of Theme Weekends and Study Retreats where attendees come together to study the teachings and share their observations.

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Ray McCoy retired this year and returned to live in Toronto. He came to Brockwood Park in the early 1980s after teaching at Rishi Valley School in India. He worked at Brockwood Park School and the Krishnamurti Foundation as a teacher, tutor, archivist, administrator and editor. Due in part to his own wide reading in psychology and Eastern philosophy, Ray has a mature and incisive engagement with Krishnamurti’s teachings, which he is always happy to share and discuss. His intelligent and sensitive editing of many of Krishnamurti’s books helps make the teachings available to a large international audience.

MESSAGE

Around the authority of a person or an ideology co-operation becomes meaningless and leads to various forms of conflict. All of us are working together in a spirit of real co-operation in which there is no authority: it is our interest in the teachings which brings us together and helps us to work together. So the authority of a central directive ceases; each of us is important and we all help each other.

To make this possible the Krishnamurti Foundation is the new organisation without the psychological belonging and dependence which most organisations bring about. This is very important to bear in mind in all the work we are doing together. Co-operation is necessary but the ugly and brutal side of organisation has no part in what we are trying to do. There is a great deal to be done which has not been done in the past.

We must meet together at least once a year to talk things over as friends, expose our problems and resolve them. Organisation does not draw us together, rather we are drawn together as human beings to resolve our human problems.

[F. Krishnamurti]

Introductory message by Krishnamurti for the first bulletin in 1969