

# Outside the Camp

Reflections of a Community Activist

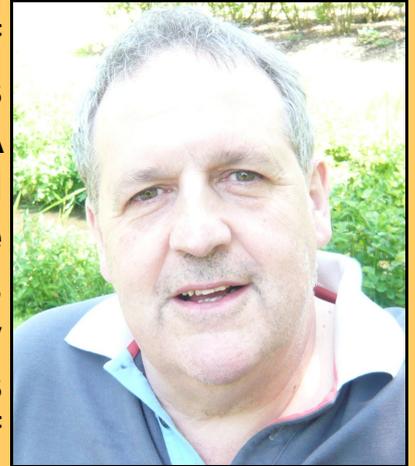


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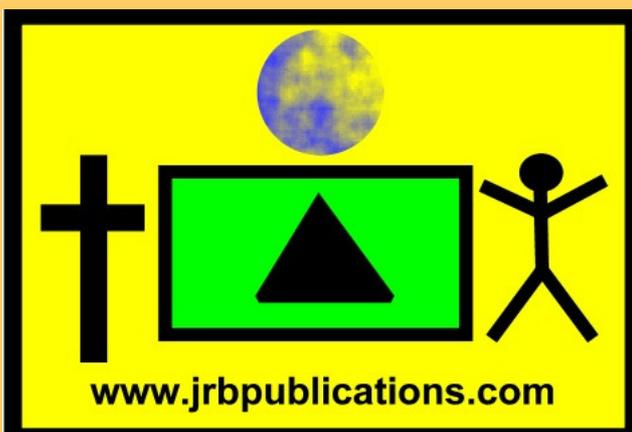
## About the Author

John Barber was born just outside Southend, in 1951. He grew up and has lived there for most of his life. He lives with Jolly (his wife), Matthew (his son) and three cats! He holds three degrees: BA (Hons.), B.Sc. (Hons.) and PGCE. He has had three careers: as a secondary school science teacher, software engineer (including 12 years running his own business) and as a community activist, and has been involved in many activities to do with serving the community, in a variety of ways. He has done this in a full time (some paid; most unpaid) capacity since 2001.



## About the Book

The book describes some of the author's experiences working in the community and has been written to set the record straight and to encourage others, especially a new generation of community activists. He reflects on what he has done and seen, taking both a critical and a humorous look, trying to fit this in with the bigger picture of what was, is and could be. While he thinks this will interest some, he hopes the message and challenge of the book will be heeded: we will take an interest in and be involved with our communities, in order to make that all important and necessary difference. While recognizing we all differ in our circumstances, interests and abilities, we all have a part to play. The book suggests ways we can all be community activists and make our contribution making the world a better place. His work is ongoing and his views are developing. This book has been updated to reflect this as well as adding four new books: Spirituality and Mental Health, The Gay Conundrum, Onward and Upward and Theological Musings.



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