

There are, as I am sure, with everyone who has been asked for a contribution to this book, so many memories of Doreen; her classes, her incisive comments and her belief that when something could not be achieved it was because we were “so English” and that any problem could be solved over a banana and a can of coke, ice cold, of course.

However, after many thoughts I found something that has become an instinct of my own and given me the utmost strength. It was something Doreen said in passing :-

“It doesn’t matter who you’re with or how they work. What I am trying to give you is a method, a way of working that will enable you to question with a solid frame of reference. So you will have a confidence, a core and ultimately a consistency within yourself and your work. Most environments will not be conducive to the way you would like to work. So you have to find a way to allow your work to survive.”

I have been incredibly lucky in having been a student of Doreen’s and consider the time I spent both as a student and professional and guest in her home as something to cherish. She was a true mentor.

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