

OBITUARY

PHILIP BARTHOLOMEW 1937 – 2000

Philip Henry Bartholomew was born in Sussex and studied Classics at Oxford before becoming a librarian, first at Sussex University and then in the Ashmolean Library. His comprehensive knowledge of the Ashmolean collections was discovered by countless readers there who received his generous help. His own academic interests were wide, taking in the late Roman and early Saxon periods, and he published numerous papers, all meticulously researched.

Philip had a wide knowledge of ancient buildings, particularly in the Chiltern region. He spent many pleasant hours visiting these with the Society and his family and friends, and was a mine of information on the places and events and people associated with them. He continued, with great courage, working on numerous academic projects until the end of his life, which was so sadly curtailed.

Roger Goodburn

Professor Michael Reed, author of *The Buckinghamshire Landscape* (1979), *A History of Buckinghamshire* (1993) and many other important works relating to the history of the county, died in November 2000. His death is a grievous loss to us all. An obituary will appear in the next edition of *Records*.

The Society has also learned with great sadness of the deaths of the following members: Mrs E. K. Ayers, Mr L. F. Barker, Mr P. S. Caudrey and Dr Evelyn Watkins.