

In Memoriam: Professor Brian Kemp (1940-2019)

Professor Brian Kemp died on 12 August 2019. He took his undergraduate and graduate degrees at Reading and was awarded the honorary degree of DLitt by the university in recognition of his contributions to scholarship. Brian Kemp was a Lecturer, Senior Lecturer and Professor in the History Department from 1964 until his retirement in 2002; he was also a founding member of the Graduate Centre for Medieval Studies and a contributor to this journal. His work on church monuments was reflected in numerous scholarly publications as well as books for more general audiences, such as *English Church Monuments* (Batsford, 1980) and *Church Monuments* (Shire, 2010). His editions included *Salisbury Episcopal Acta* (British Academy, 1999-2000, 2011), *Twelfth-century English Archidiaconal and Vice-archidiaconal Acta* (Canterbury and York Society, 2002), and *English Episcopal Acta, Bath and Wells 1206-1247* (British Academy, 2016). He developed a special interest in Reading Abbey and published extensively on the Abbey's history and records. He edited the *Reading Abbey Cartularies* (Royal Historical Society, 1986-7). He was a founder member of the Friends of Reading Abbey (FORA) in 1984 and served as both its Chairman and President. His last work, *Reading Abbey Records: A New Miscellany*, was published by the Berkshire Record Society in 2018, to coincide with the re-opening of the Abbey Ruins. It is reviewed in this volume of *RMS* by his long-time colleague, Professor Anne Lawrence-Mathers. Professor Kemp continued to teach postgraduate students at the Graduate Centre for Medieval Studies after his retirement in 2002. He will be greatly missed.