

## OBITUARY

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### **JUNE ANDERSON (1925–1998)**

June Anderson, the Tylor Librarian in the Institute of Social (and latterly Cultural) Anthropology in the University of Oxford for 23 years, died on 1st December 1998, aged 73. She was appointed by Professor E. E. Evans-Pritchard in 1967 and retired in 1990, having served under four different professors. She will have been known and remembered by many past members of the Institute, for she was, during her years there, one of its dominant, even dominating, characters. Although she arrived without any experience of librarianship (E-P, who appointed her within ten days of receiving her application, obviously thought her acquaintance with books through employment in the Costing Department of the Oxford University Press sufficient), she soon picked up many of the profession's quirks. She also applied her not inconsiderable energy to every sphere of the Institute, and prided herself on being able to cope single-handedly with all aspects of its everyday running.

June's years in the Institute were backed up by a formidable memory for names and faces, on which she was an invaluable source of information. She saved me from embarrassment on numerous occasions, when I arrived in the Institute to be met by a returned student who greeted me warmly but whom I was totally unable to place. The trick was to get to one's room and phone June to find out who it was. She invariably knew, even down to what books they had still failed to return.

In retirement June was not blessed with the best of health. Even so, she kept in touch and regularly attended the Institute's garden party at the end of each Trinity Term. Her absence will be very noticeable.

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