

OBITUARY

EDWARD SAMMES FSA

Ted Sammes, a member of the Society for nearly twenty years, who died in 1998 aged 78, was introduced to archaeology as a small boy when his father took him to see Sir Mortimer Wheeler excavating at St.Albans. Wartime service in Palestine and Italy provided the opportunity to visit the

sites of classical antiquity. Ted attended courses at various London Institutes and was a founder member of the Hendon & District Archaeological Society. He directed many of their excavations, insisting on comprehensive recording, and writing

easily-understood reports. He wrote a guide to South-east England in the "Discovering Archaeology" series. His interest in wind and watermills followed from his work as a cereals scientist. When he moved to Burnham he joined several local societies and was chairman of Maidenhead Archaeological & Historical Society for many years. Ted's proudest moment was when he was elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, an honour which acknowledged his standing as an amateur archaeologist.

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