



### **Anna Morpurgo Davies**

21 June 1937 –27 September 2014

Anna held the Chair of Comparative Philology (latterly the Diebold Chair) at Oxford from 1971 to 2004; for full obituaries see [Somerville College](#), [The Guardian](#), [CUCD Bulletin](#); Anna also wrote her [an account of her career](#) in Brown & Law (eds), *Linguistics in Britain: personal histories* (2002); a memoir by Peter Matthews is to be published in the next issue of the Transactions. Throughout her career, the progress and welfare of her students was paramount, and as both President and Vice-President of the PhilSoc she was very active in promoting the activities of the Society and in particular those of its student members.

The Council of PhilSoc has decided to establish in her memory the Anna Morpurgo Davies Masters Bursary which would be given normally to someone working on Ancient Languages (including non-Indo-European ones, following Anna's own suggestion) and this has been announced as part of the [2015 PhilSoc Masters Bursary competition](#). In order to secure the future of the Fund it is hoped that a substantial endowment can be established. It was suggested that members of PhilSoc, colleagues and former students, might like to make a personal contribution towards this fund. If so, the simplest way to make a donation is through Paypal [here](#); donations can also be sent to the Treasurer (Dr Stephen Colvin, Dept. of Greek and Latin, University College London, London WC1E 6BT); if UK tax payers wish to gift-aid their donation, a Gift Aid form is available [here](#). Council would also be grateful if you would bring this appeal to the attention of anyone else who might be interested in donating.