

OBITUARY: HELEN MUIRDEN

Helen Muirden, who died aged 67 in tragic circumstances in August 2011, was an unsung heroine and stalwart of SCOLMA. Helen spent most of her professional life at the University of Exeter Library and was involved with SCOLMA for many years, serving several stints on the committee and as Treasurer from 2000 to 2005, an office which she performed with a quiet efficiency which gained her the respect as well as the friendship of all those who served with her on the Committee at that time. She retired on health grounds in 2005.

Diana Guthrie who worked with Helen in her early days at Exeter and later on the SCOLMA Committee writes,

She was a very 'people-person', who would know if someone was going through a bad time, and she had a wonderful sense of fun, both in seeing the ridiculous side of things and in enjoying life.

Outside work, she took delight in her family, local history and running a vineyard. Our sympathies go to her family and friends.

Terry Barringer