

A Tribute

Andrew Walker



From Angela Smith

Andrew Walker was a Senior Lecturer in French at the University of Stirling and had also taught at Salford University, after a career as an international conference interpreter in Vienna. Departmental colleagues recall his innovative and highly professional teaching methods. These included the provision of Interpreting (both liaison and consecutive) at undergraduate level (it was then usually found at postgraduate level only), and his dynamic involvement and key role in the creation of inter-university French language teaching courses for first-year undergraduates: *Le Français dans le Monde* and especially the cutting-edge *Lyon à la Une* (written and video materials, filmed on site in Lyon, working in relation with the newspaper *Lyon-Matin*). The French government recognised his contribution to French culture by conferring on him the award of *Officier des Palmes Académiques*. He was part of the post-war generation of mature French students at Edinburgh University who lent colour and energy to the profession.

His funeral was held on Wednesday 11 March at in Falkirk Crematorium, led by a Humanist celebrant. It was described as 'a celebration of Andrew's life' to which all friends and former colleagues were respectfully invited.