

## Margaret Harvey

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who only joined the Department of History a decade after her retirement. But, even as a young academic working in another institution, the Department has a reputation as one of the most important centres in the world for medieval history. And one of the pleasures of moving here six years ago has been to get to know her a little personally, especially as her own research interests have moved closer to my own.

Margaret comes from the North-East. Born in Cleadon, near Sunderland, she fell in love with History at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, diverting her from an early ambition to be a probation officer. Her association with the University began in 1964, when she was appointed to a part-time Lectureship in the Department of History. She later became a full-time Lecturer and then Senior Lecturer.

Margaret is best known as one of the leading experts in the field of medieval history. Her research interests include the history of the