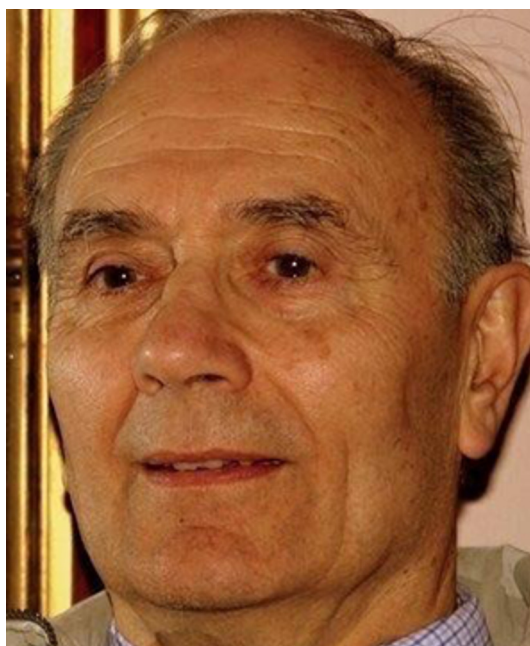




## OBITUARIES

## Simon Oakeshott

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*Birmingham Post* and wrote fiction, then worked as a hospital porter before turning to medicine. For some years he was an anatomy demonstrator at Cambridge University, later becoming interested in psychiatry. He trained at Fulbourn Hospital and the Tavistock, specialising in child and family psychiatry. His lifelong interest in literature, narrative, and language led him into practice in psychotherapy. His gentleness, generosity, and compassion endeared him to patients and colleagues alike. He continued working until not long before his death. His marriage to a fellow doctor, Eleanor Birks, ended. He leaves Natasha, his partner of 25 years; two sons; and five grandchildren.

### Biography

Psychotherapist and child psychiatrist Cambridge (b 1931; q St Mary's Hospital Medical School, London, 1966; MA (Oxon), MRCPsych), died from respiratory failure on 17 July 2017

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The son of an eminent philosopher, Simon Oakeshott studied European languages at Oxford. He was literary editor on the