Editorial note and acknowledgements

Simon Walker studied modern history at Magdalen College, Oxford, graduating with first-class honours in 1979. The same year he won a Prize Fellowship at All Souls College, Oxford, where he undertook doctoral research into the affinity of John of Gaunt. He was appointed to a Lectureship in History at the University of Sheffield in 1984 and was promoted to a Readership in 1995. In 1999 he was appointed to an Extraordinary Research Fellowship at All Souls, where he was working on a history of the college down to the seventeenth century. He died on 26 February 2004, shortly after his forty-sixth birthday, already a distinguished historian of later medieval England.

At the time of his death Simon was preparing this collection of essays for publication. As far as possible, I have followed his intentions in seeing the collection into press. Sadly, there was no publishable version of the projected introduction, but Gerald Harriss, who supervised his research into John of Gaunt's affinity, very kindly agreed to write an introduction in its place. No attempt has been made to reconstruct what Simon would have said but it has been possible for Dr Harriss to make use of Simon's proposal in writing his own introduction to this body of work. Chapter 3, 'Communities of the county in later medieval England', is the text of a paper delivered at a conference which Simon was revising for publication. The text has not been edited, but footnotes have been added, with the help of John Watts and Anthony Musson. Chapter 8, 'Remembering Richard: history and memory in Lancastrian England', survived as a complete text, intended for publication, but without footnotes. The text has since been published in Christine Carpenter and Linda Clark (eds), *Political Culture in Late Medieval England* (The Fifteenth Century, IV), Woodbridge, 2004. I am very grateful to the editors for their help in securing the inclusion of the essay in this collection, and to Linda Clark for providing footnotes to the text. Sadly, it has not been possible to recover the text of another unpublished essay intended for this volume: 'Soldiers of Fortune: poverty and prosperity in the fourteenth-century military community'. Edmund King, a close colleague of Simon's in Sheffield for nearly twenty years, kindly compiled the bibliography. In all other respects, this is the volume as Simon intended it.

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