

Riceviamo da Michael Fischer

**In memoriam Nevill Colclough**

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Dear All

I am sad to report the loss of Nevill Colclough, a founding member of anthropology at Kent, and one of our current Honorary Research Fellows. Although Nevill retired in 2001, he has been a very regular visitor to the School since that time, continuing his research on historical politics, marriage and kinship in Ascoli, Italy.

Nevill will be greatly missed by anyone who knew him. He was a gentle and generous man, who devoted countless hours to students and staff. He was a past Head of Anthropology and Sociology, was always a wise and pragmatic council on just about any issue regarding University politics, and got Anthropology through more than one existential crisis during the Thatcher years.

He was passionate about his work in Italy and the Mediterranean more broadly. He founded a History and Anthropology specialism in research and teaching in the University, a relationship that has grown perhaps fainter than in past, but which is still retained in terms of a specific programme link between History and Anthropology at Kent. Before and since his retirement he produced a large database of his field research in Italy which includes historical and contemporary data on the people of Ascoli and surrounding area which will be published soon.

His presence and absence will be felt for years to come.

Michael Fischer