

## Obituary: Margeret Masterman

Margaret Masterman, best known for her association with the Cambridge Language Research Unit, died on April 1, aged 75.



She read medieval languages and moral sciences at Newnham College, Cambridge, and in 1932 married Richard Braithwaite, who later became Knightsbridge professor of philosophy at Cambridge University.

She is probably best remembered for her achievements during the 1950s. In 1950 she helped to found the 'epiphany philosophers', whose concern was with the connection between their subjects and religion, and she also launched the journal *Theoria to Theory*. Later in the 1950s, recognising the special problems of women trying to reconcile domestic responsibilities and academic work, she and other women at Cambridge University formed a group which was later to become the Lucy Cavendish Foundation for women research students and mature undergraduates. And it was her insight, in 1956, into the possible applications of the newly-developed computers that led to the Cambridge Language Research Unit's work towards machine translation.